

Appendix B

Adapted with Permission from Appendix G: Recommended Minimum Cleaning and Disinfection Level and Frequency for Non-critical Client/Patient/Resident Care Equipment and Environmental Items

The following chart relates to **non-critical patient care equipment** only, i.e., equipment that comes into contact with intact skin. For semi-critical and critical equipment that require high level disinfection or sterilization, see the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care's *Best Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization in all Health Care Settings*. Refer to Appendix F for appropriate agents that may be used for cleaning and disinfection of non-critical patient care equipment.

This chart also includes **environmental surfaces and items** that do not come into contact with skin. Refer to Section III and Appendix E for guidance regarding cleaning, disinfection of environmental surfaces and items.

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Arrest Cart	See Resuscitation Cart			HCW
Basin (Bath or Wash)	LLD	• After each use	• Dry completely before use	HCW

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Bassinette	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly When soiled Between newborns 		HCW
Bed				
Bedrail and extender	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily 		ECW
Mattress	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean between patients and when soiled 		ECW HCW – if soiled
Visitor cot	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change linen and clean between uses 		ECW
Bedpan and Urinal				
Single Patient	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean after each use if designated to client 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove gross soil and fluids before cleaning 	HCW
Between patients	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove gross soil and fluids before cleaning 	HCW
Blood Pressure Cuff	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between clients When soiled 		HCW
Cardiac Monitor	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily and between clients 		HCW

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Cast Cutting <div>Blades</div> <div>Saws</div>	<div>CL or disposable</div> <div>CL</div>	<div>• When soiled</div> <div>• When soiled</div>	<div>• Send for sterilization if contact with blood or body fluids</div>	<div>HCW</div> <div>HCW</div>
Chair <div>Includes recliners, and clinic chairs and sofa</div>	LLD	• Daily and when soiled		ECW
Chart Cover <div>Binder and/or clipboard</div>	LLD	• When soiled	• Charts and clipboards should not go into rooms on Additional Precautions	HCW
Clippers <div>Surgical</div>	LLD	• Between clients	• Disposable heads are preferred	HCW

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Commode Chairs				
Single client use	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When soiled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideally dedicated to each client Clients with VRE or <i>C. difficile</i>, must have dedicated commode For <i>C.difficile</i>, consider cleaning with a sporicidal agent Remove gross soil and fluids before cleaning and disinfection 	ECW
Multiple patient use	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When soiled Between clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove gross soil and fluids before cleaning and disinfection 	HCW
Defibrillator	See Resuscitation cart			HCW
Diagnostic Imaging				
Portable-Machine	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When soiled and on leaving Contact Precautions room 		HCW
Portable-portable grid/film cassette	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between clients if not covered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideally should be covered (e.g., pillowcase cover) 	HCW

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Dopplers Transducers Probes	LLD HLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each use • After each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe immediately after use to remove residual ultrasound gel before cleaning • Probes that contact mucous membranes or non-intact skin require high level disinfection 	HCW HCW
ECG Machine and Cables	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients 		HCW
Examination Table	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients and when soiled • Daily cleaning 		HCW ECW
Glucometer	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each use 		HCW
Hydraulic Lift Machine Sling	LLD Launder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required • Between clients and when soiled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated to client if possible • Launder if visibly soiled 	ECW ECW
Intravenous (IV) Pumps, Poles, Warmers	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients • When soiled 		HCW

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Isolette	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly • When soiled 		ECW HCW
Laryngoscope Handle Blade	LLD HLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients • Between clients 		HCW
Mattress	See Bed			
Measuring Container (urine) Single client use Multiple client use	CL LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each use • After each use 	One container per client, labelled with name	HCW HCW
Ophthalmoscope	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients 		HCW
Orthopedic Equipment Crutches, traction, etc	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients 		ECW
Otoscope Handle Ear Speculum	LLD Disposable or HLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients • Between clients 		HCW HCW

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Oximeter Probes	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily and between clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If single –use, discard after use Refer to manufacturer’s instructions for cleaning 	HCW
Pillow	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between clients and when soiled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspect for cracks and discard as required 	HCW
Reflex Hammer	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between clients 		HCW
Restraints	Launder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between clients and when soiled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launder 	ECW
Resuscitation Cart/Arrest Cart	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly and after use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid taking cart into Contact Precautions room, have a designated clean person to pass supplies as required 	HCW
Defibrillator	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All items taken into Contact Precautions room must be discarded and not returned to the cart, even if unopened 	HCW
Trays	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend clear cover if not in use 	HCW

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Scales Adult Diaper Newborn	LLD LLD LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily and when soiled • After each use • After each use 		HCW HCW HCW
Stretcher	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each use between clients • After single client 		HCW ECW
Stethoscope	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideally use own stethoscope • If shared, disinfect ear pieces 	HCW
Suction Machines	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients • When soiled 		HCW
Table Bedside Over Bed	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily • When soiled • Between clients 		ECW HCW
Telemetry Equipment Monitor and Cables (e.g., Holter Monitor)	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients • When soiled 		HCW
Tourniquet	LLD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients or disposable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discard when soiled/cracked 	HCW
Transfer Boards	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between clients • When soiled 		ECW HCW

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Transport Equipment Stretcher Walker Crutches Wheelchair	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between clients When soiled 		ECW HCW
Tub Bath chair	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After each use 		ECW
Ultrasound Transducers Handle and Cable External	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between Clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use high-level disinfection for transducer probes if they touch mucous membranes or non-intact skin Recommend cover if not in use 	HCW
Urinal	See bedpan			
Urine Measuring Container	See Measuring Container			
Vacutainer Holder	Single Patient Use			HCW
Walker	See Transport Equipment			
Wall-mounted Oxygen and Suction Fixtures	LLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between Clients When soiled 		HCW
Water Jug	CL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily 	Clean in dishwasher if available	ECW

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Wheelchair	See Transport Equipment			
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