

SUBJECT: CLEANING AND DISINFECTION OF  
REUSABLE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

EFFECTIVE  
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APPROVED BY:

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POLICY

It is the policy of McIntosh Trail CSB that all reusable consumer-care materials, devices, or equipment will be cleaned and reprocessed according to standards reviewed and approved by the Health and Safety Committee.

PROCEDURE

1. General information about reprocessing:

- a. Items will be reprocessed by a trained person using Environmental Protection Agency approved disinfectants.
- b. All items to be reprocessed will be cleaned thoroughly prior to reprocessing and processed according to the standards described below.

2. Cleaning:

All items that come into contact with intact skin but not mucous membranes will be cleaned with soap and water between uses, unless the manufacturer's directions state otherwise.

3. Disinfection:

All items that touch mucous membranes or skin that is not intact will be cleaned thoroughly with a solution containing one part bleach and nine parts water made fresh daily, then rinsed and dried thoroughly (according to the EPA and CDC).

4. Sterilization:

Disposable sterile items designed for single patient use will not be resterilized unless:

- a. The manufacturer provides written cleaning and sterilizing or disinfection instructions; and
- b. Resterilization is approved by the Health and Safety Committee.