

Observation/Audit Tool: Durable and Nursing Equipment

Name of Facility: _____

Room Number: _____ Date: _____

Initials of Auditor: _____

Item	Cleaned	Not Cleaned	Not in Room	Notes/Recommendations Due to Noncompliance
Glucometer(s)				
Medication Cart				
Treatment Cart				
Pill Crusher				
Feeding Pumps				
Stethoscope				
Vitals Machine (including): Thermometer, Blood Pressure Cuff, and Pulse Oximetry)				

General Guidance:

1. Before and after using a blood glucose meter, disinfect the meter by cleaning the outside by using a commercially available United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered disinfectant detergent or germicide wipe (or a manufacture recommendation).
 - If the manufacturer does not provide specific cleaning recommendations or has a conservative approach to infection control for glucometers (minimal cleaning requirements), the facility cleaning procedure will incorporate the use of dispatch-hospital cleaner disinfectant towel with bleach, super sani-cloth germicidal disposable wipe, sani-cloth bleach germicidal disposable wipe or Sani-cloth alcohol free germicidal disposable wipe.
2. Environmental cleaning and disinfection hospital-grade cleaning and disinfecting agents are recommended for all horizontal and frequently touched surfaces being cleaned at least twice daily when soiled.
3. Visibly dirty surfaces should first be cleaned with a detergent (commercially prepared or soap and water) and then a hospital-grade disinfectant should be applied, according to manufacturers' recommendations for volume and contact time.
4. After the contact time has passed, the disinfectant may be rinsed with clean water. If commercially prepared hospital-grade disinfectants are not available, the long-term care facilities may use a diluted concentration of bleach to disinfect the environment. The minimum concentration of chlorine should be 5000 ppm or 0.5% (equivalent to a 1:9 dilution of 5% concentrated liquid bleach).
5. Avoid using product application methods that cause splashing or generate aerosols.
6. When cleaning, work from the least to most dirty, and highest to lowest. Start with the least dirty areas to the dirtiest spots.

Notes/Education provided post observation: