

Surgical Equipment Cleaning

Endotracheal Tubes, Breathing Circuits, Oesophageal Stethoscope Distal-Ends, Rebreathing Bags, Monitoring Probes

1. Thoroughly clean in warm soapy water, using clean tube brushes to remove organic material before it dries
2. Soak in 0.5% chlorhexidine for at least 15 minutes and thoroughly rinse and dry without dripping onto work surfaces and other equipment
3. Thoroughly clean Doppler probe ends and pulse oximeter probes in warm soapy water and leave to dry. Do not detach Doppler probes from unit, but do not let units come into contact with water.
4. Spray probes with _____ (disinfectant and strength) if patient is contaminated or probe used on contaminated part of body e.g. rectum.

Anaesthetic Machines, Ventilators and IV Poles

1. Dismantle one-way valves and thoroughly clean in warm soapy water, dry and replace
2. Replenish CO2 absorber and clean seals, and remove any debris
3. Clean any soiled areas with warm soapy water and spray with _____ (disinfectant and strength)
4. Spray wheels with _____ (disinfectant and strength) at end of day
5. Ventilators should be thoroughly cleaned every 2 months by an AHT, and after use on a contaminated patient