

When Patient has left the room after a practice respiratory assessment/ COVID concern appointment

Keep PPE on whilst washing down frequently touched areas and all surfaces with 2m of where the patient was.

Clean medical equipment using alcohol wipes

Remove gloves and apron following the correct procedure and dispose in clinical waste

New PPE must be used for next patient

Note : Mask can be kept on until it becomes moist then it must be changed following correct procedure

Next Patient

Cleaning Advice

Once a possible case has left the room :

1. Ensure that the door to the room remains shut, with available windows open.
2. Keeping your PPE on, wipe down all surfaces using either a disposable cloth or paper towel. Pay particular attention to the floor, chairs, door handles or any non-invasive care equipment or sanitary fittings
3. Remove gloves and apron following correct procedure and dispose in clinical waste. Remove and dispose of mask as well if moist.
4. Once the surfaces are wiped down, clean and disinfect any reusable non-invasive care equipment, including stethoscopes, digital thermometers, glucometers etc, with a **70% isopropyl alcohol solution**. Clean from the top of the device OR furthest away point to the bottom/nearest point.

Attention! For medium or high risk Covid-19 patients

Ensure that you use either of the following to wipe down the surfaces

1. A combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1000 PPM (parts per million) available chlorine (av.cl)
2. A neutral purpose detergent disinfectant solution followed by disinfection (1000 PPM av.cl)
3. 70% isopropyl alcohol solution

Useful Links

How to sterilize a stethoscope

https://www.3m.co.uk/3M/en_GB/Littmann-UK/my-stethoscope/using-your-stethoscope/care/

How to sterilize an auriscope

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23644940>

How to sterilize a BP cuff

<https://www.surgery-express.co.uk/files/ww/Omron-Cleaning-Procedure.pdf>

How to sterilize a pulse oximeter

<http://mainlinemedical.com/mm/Pulse-Oximeter-Sterilization-Guidelines.html>