

Reusable NIBP Cuff Cleaning and Disinfection Guide

## Purpose

This guide provides instructions for cleaning and disinfecting DTG Medical Electronics reusable noninvasive blood pressure (NIBP) cuffs, specifically designed for cuffs made with Nylon and TPU materials. Proper cleaning and disinfection procedures are essential to ensure patient safety, prevent crosscontamination, and extend the cuff's lifespan.

## **Materials Needed**

- Approved hospital-grade disinfectant compatible with Nylon and TPU (see list below)
- Soft cloths or disposable wipes
- Clean water
- Disposable gloves
- Towels for drying (if needed)

# **Approved Hospital-Grade Disinfectants**

The following disinfectants are compatible with Nylon and TPU materials in DTG Medical Electronics NIBP cuffs. Always follow manufacturer instructions for safe usage:

- 1. CaviWipes (without alcohol) A low-alcohol, quaternary ammonium compound, safe for Nylon and TPU materials.
- 2. **Sani-Cloth AF3** An alcohol-free disinfectant wipe suitable for TPU, widely used for medical equipment.
- 3. **Oxivir Tb** Hydrogen peroxide-based cleaner, effective against a broad spectrum of pathogens, gentle on Nylon and TPU.
- 4. Accel TB Wipes Another hydrogen peroxide-based option compatible with TPU and Nylon.
- 5. Virex II 256 A low-residue quaternary ammonium compound, effective on medical surfaces.

**Note**: Always refer to DTG Medical Electronics guidelines and the cuff's specific manufacturer instructions for compatibility before using any disinfectant.

### **Non-Approved Disinfectants**



The following disinfectants should not be used on DTG Medical Electronics NIBP cuffs, as they may cause material degradation over time:

- High-Concentration Alcohol (70% or above) Can harden TPU and weaken Nylon over time.
- **Bleach** (full strength or high concentration) Strong bleach can break down TPU and Nylon materials.
- Phenolic-based disinfectants Often too harsh for Nylon and TPU, potentially leading to degradation.
- Ammonia-based cleaners Can lead to breakdown of Nylon fibers and TPU structure.
- Abrasive cleaners Any cleaner with scrubbing agents or microbeads can scratch or damage the cuff surface.

### **Cleaning and Disinfection Instructions**

### **1. Prepare for Cleaning**

- Wear disposable gloves to prevent contamination.
- Gather all cleaning materials and prepare a clean workspace.

### 2. Inspect the Cuff

- Check the cuff for any visible dirt, stains, or signs of wear or damage.
- Ensure there are no leaks or tears in the cuff, tubing, or connectors.
- Remove any detachable components that can be cleaned separately, if applicable.

### 3. Clean the Cuff Surface

- Soap and Water Method (for preliminary cleaning):
  - Dampen a soft cloth with warm, soapy water.
  - Gently wipe the entire cuff surface, focusing on areas that contact the skin.
- Disinfectant Application:
  - Use one of the approved disinfectants listed above.
  - Follow the disinfectant's recommended contact time to ensure effective sanitization.

### 4. Rinse (if necessary)

- After using soap or disinfectant, use a clean, damp cloth to wipe down the cuff and remove any residue.
- Avoid immersing the cuff in water to prevent damage to internal components.



## 5. Dry the Cuff

- Use a clean, dry towel to pat the cuff or allow it to air dry completely.
- Ensure no moisture remains before the cuff is reused.

#### 6. Inspect and Reassemble

- Check the cuff for any residual moisture or residue.
- Reattach any components removed during the cleaning process.

#### 7. Document and Store

- Log the cleaning in any required equipment maintenance records.
- Store the cuff in a clean, dry area until it is ready for use.

#### Additional Tips

- **Cleaning Frequency**: Clean cuffs after each patient use, especially in high-risk or critical care settings.
- **Compatibility Check**: Always consult DTG Medical Electronics guidelines and specific manufacturer instructions for disinfectant compatibility.
- Avoiding Damage: Use only approved cleaning agents and avoid abrasive cleaners to maintain cuff quality and longevity.

### **Contact Information**

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