Cleaning and Disinfecting Guide

McKesson QUINTET AC® Blood Glucose Meters

A Guide For Multiple-Patient Use Facilities

All meters that are shared between patients must be cleaned and disinfected after use with each patient to help prevent the transmission of bloodborne pathogens. If the meter is being operated by a second person who is providing testing assistance to the user, the meter should be decontaminated prior to use by the second person. This recommendation complies with the updated CMS, CDC and FDA best practices guidelines for assisted blood glucose monitoring. (See reverse side for details.)

1. Always wear gloves when performing blood glucose testing, and when cleaning and disinfecting the meter; contact with blood presents a potential infection risk.

2. To clean and disinfect the meter, we recommend using CaviWipes Disinfecting Towelettes™. Protect the test strip port from getting wet.

3. Keep your meter and test strip free of dust, water or any other liquid.

4. Let meter thoroughly air dry before using it to test.

5. Properly dispose of gloves and wipes after cleaning.

6. Wash hands after removing gloves.
Important health and safety information

Healthcare professionals should adhere to standard precaution and disinfection procedures when handling or using this device for testing. All parts of the McKesson QUINTET AC® Blood Glucose Monitoring System are considered potentially infectious and capable of transmitting bloodborne pathogens.2,3 For more information about standard precautions and practices, please visit www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/

Establishing an infection control program in your facility

Every multiple patient facility should create an infection control program and designate a key person to oversee and maintain this ongoing effort. Your program should cover both the cleaning and disinfecting of all blood glucose meters, as well as facility equipment and environmental surfaces. Goals and priorities should be established, starting with an organized approach to planning, strategy, implementation, process review, and beyond. Each member of the program staff’s responsibilities should be clearly identified, with subsequent training documented. Thorough education about infection control and proper product use should be provided. More information about establishing such a program for infection prevention and control can be obtained from the CMS Infection Control Guidance Document.

1. CaviWipes Disinfecting Towelettes are commercially available from a variety of distributors. For additional cleaning information, contact Metrex customer service at 1-800-841-1428 or info@metrex.com.

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