

Cleaning and Decontamination in GP Surgeries

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Point
Lesson

Standard 8 and 11 of the Code of Practice are about keeping your environment clean and safe for patients.

There should be clear lines of accountability around role and responsibility for cleanliness in the clinical environment

There should be a cleaning schedule of

- what needs to be cleaned.
- When it should be cleaned
- What it should be cleaned with

Practice nurse/ HCA is Responsible for

- Checking patient couch is clean and is cleaned with detergent and water at the end of surgery..
- Check medical lamp is clean and washed with detergent and water after use.
- Nothing is stored on the floor under the patient couch.
- Clinical worktops clean and tidy.
- Surfaces involving near contact for patient care are clean and free from body fluid spillage.
- Keep the environment free from clutter, to reduce bio burden of dust.

Contracted cleaners Will not touch or move medical devices.

Therefore there has to be a schedule of when and how devices are decontaminated



Auroscope ends for ear examination and temperature measurement need to be single use disposable.

ECG monitors clean with detergent wipes, following use. Wires wiped to remove any residual pad gel. Single use disposable electrode pad

Blood pressure devices

Cuffs should be cleaned at the end of the day, with a suitable detergent wipe. Old worn, visibly soiled dirty cuffs need to be replaced.

Medical lamps

User should clean lamp after use particularly following invasive procedures. Use detergent and water and if blood stained use disinfectant wipe.

Reception area

Keep area, clean and tidy.

Encourage use of alcohol hand gel for patients
Ensure toys are wipeable and clean at the end of each day.

Care when handling specimens brought in by patients.

If patient vomits or has a bleed ensure the body fluid is cleared up immediately.

Clinicians should check their clinical environment is clean and fit for purpose at the start of the day and sign and document that it has been checked for audit purposes.