

EQUIPMENT CLEANING REFERENCE GUIDE

As soon as the EMS leaves with the patient, the equipment bag/AED should be prepared for another incident.

AED providers should wear Nitrile gloves at all times when cleaning used medical equipment

I. EMS Medical Waste

- AED providers must be on the lookout for medical sharps such as needles and I.V. catheters and other used equipment
- Should you encounter any such item(s), carefully place the item(s) in an approved biohazard container

II. The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

- Clean the AED if soiled or dirty
- Use only approved cleaning agents: warm soapy water and Caviwipe (Caviwipe available through Central Stores)
- Do not immerse AED in water
- Clean with damp sponge or cloth

III. AED Defibrillation Electrodes

- Connect a new set of Defibrillation Electrodes to the AED after each incident. Make sure not to break the foil seal of the replacement package when connecting to the AED
- Always check the expiry date of replacement electrodes first. Using expired defibrillation electrodes may result in poor chest to electrode surface contact. This may lead to the AED performing less than optimally during an emergency situation

IV. Razors

- Used razors should be replaced in an approved biohazard container. One capped razor should be present in the equipment bag at all times
- Make sure the razor cap is secure and does not come off easily. Dispose of razors with faulty caps