EKG Module Cleaning Instructions

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1. When using the EKG Module, putting it in the closed pouch will help reduce exposure to contamination.
2. **Cleaning instructions for a module used in a clean environment**. There’s no visible dirt or contamination on the module.
   1. The module must be put in a sealed bag with protective packing, and sent to a designated area for cleaning.
   2. **Do not use brushes to clean the module, the connectors, or the perimeter seam of the case.**
   3. The person doing the cleaning must be trained in the cleaning process.
   4. Wipe down all surfaces with disposable wet disinfecting wipes.
   5. With unused dry wipes, dry-off the wet surfaces. Dispose of wipes properly.
   6. Place cleaned module in a sterile sealed bag, pack for shipping, and return to sender.
3. **Contaminated Module.** If module is contaminated, i.e., exposed to blood, bodily fluids, or secretions; or if the patient is in an unclean environment, follow the Cleaning Instructions for Contamination. If these cleaning instructions cannot be undertaken immediately after contamination, then the module must be placed in a well-sealed container and delivered to a place where the cleaning can be done.

NOTE: If the cleaning and handling of the unit will require more than one hour, the contaminated unit may be disposed of.

1. **Cleaning Instructions for Contamination**:
   1. Person doing the cleaning should be trained and authorized to do the cleaning necessary.
   2. Person must have pre-cleaned themselves to insure they are not carrying contamination with them when they enter the cleaning environment.
   3. They must protect themselves by dressing in the appropriate protect wear (e.g., gloves, mask, goggles and gown)
   4. Cleaning is to be done in the appropriate place (designated for cleaning).
   5. The cleaning solution must EPA-registered hospital detergent disinfectant. Check expiration date, if applicable. Obey warnings and cautions in disinfectant instructions. To disinfect, be sure disinfectant stays in contact with surface for appropriate contact time.
   6. **Do not use brushes to clean the module surfaces, case seams, or the connectors.**
   7. Use only cold sterilants for sterilization purposes, use with care and per manufacturer’s instructions.
   8. Wipe off soil on the surface of the EKG module. Use wet (not dripping) soft cloth. Be careful to wipe soil away from connector cavities.
      1. If contamination is in the connector cavities, it will have to come-out. Using a small probe, lift and remove as much contamination as possible. Rinse the cavities with a very fine low pressure spray of disinfectant until there is no visible contaminant in the cavities. Wet the cavities with a final light spray and allow the disinfectant to remain in contact with the surfaces per the manufacturer’s instructions.
   9. After all visible contamination has been removed, and the surfaces have been exposed to final disinfecting contact period, dry by using clean, dry wipe(s)
   10. Dispose of/process used cleaning materials properly
   11. Any cleaning forms should be properly filled-out and signed off after cleaning has been completed.
   12. Place cleaned module in a sterile sealed bag, pack for shipping per instructions, and return to sender.