


**Vehicle Cab decontamination.**

Remove Gloves after equipment decontamination, clean hands, don clean gloves.  
Focus on key contact points – Steering Wheel, Hand brake, Indicator / wiper stalks, gear shift, vehicle and communications radio controls, door handles including external.  
Remember to decontaminate pens, phones etc. which were touched in assessment process or prior to doffing PPE.  
Use a separate wipe for each individual item, do not cross contaminate, change wipe sooner if visible soiling present.



Quality, Safety & Risk Document

**SAFE WORK PRACTICE SHEET #20**  
National Ambulance Service  
Task: On the road Vehicle Cleaning / Infection Control  
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HIQA Safer, Better Healthcare Standards place a responsibility upon NAS staff to deliver high quality infection prevention and control practice throughout the organisation. As healthcare practitioners we are all responsible for providing a safe environment for our patients, colleagues and others. Safe and effective vehicle cleaning and disinfection is one of our methods of discharging this responsibility.

This document applies to the cleaning of Emergency ambulances, RRV's, Intermediate Care, Critical Care and Bumbulance fleet. This document should be read in conjunction with NASP01 Infection Control Policy, Chemical & Biological risk assessments and Safe Work practice Sheets 4 Infection Control, 6 Sharps safety, 7&21 Clinical waste.

Appendix 7 (laminated copy in each vehicle) provides specific guidance on what to clean and which product to use.

**This policy does not cover Category III Conditions – Small Pox, Rabies, VHF etc.**

Between Patient Cleaning – light soil / no visible soiling

Based on Dynamic Risk assessment – Wear appropriate PPE – Apron, Gloves, Goggles, Facemask etc)

Clean all patient and staff contact areas with Clinell wipes, Medi 9 and paper Towels as required.

Dispose of all used materials into clinical waste.

**Daily Total Clean** – Wipe down walls, roof, rails, handles, stretcher etc. with Clinell wipes. Wipe in an S shaped pattern, do not cover the same area twice. Do not cross contaminate – change wipes every 2 square feet , if it dries or becomes visibly soiled – do not clean equipment with wipe which has just been used on wall or stretcher. Spray / Wipe with Medi 9, Milton solution or Titan Chlor Plus as guided in Appendix 7. Mop floor and stretcher brackets with specified cleaner.

Do not forget vehicle cab – Dashboard, steering wheel, door handles, radio and any other visible soil areas.

**Body Fluid (Urine, Blood, Vomit) Spill > 1 Litre.**

Uncontained spills or spills of 1 ltr or greater, or visible infestations may need return to a base cleaning. Contact Line Manager.

Based on Dynamic Risk assessment – Wear appropriate PPE – Apron, Gloves, Goggles, Facemask etc)

Absorb fluid using suitable absorbent materials such as blue roll, Spill Granules etc.

Clean all patient and staff contact areas with Clinell wipes, Medi 9 and paper Towels as required.


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**BETWEEN PATIENT CLEANING GUIDANCE**

Decontaminate hands and don fresh appropriate PPE; Long sleeved Fluid repellent gown, gloves, mask, goggles. Wait 20 minutes post aerosol generating procedure before cleaning. Leave doors open and/or vents active.  
Suggested key patient and staff contact points are indicated in **RED**  
**Start with Roof and walls**, then all horizontal flat surfaces.  
**Clean stretcher** – wipe in an “S” shaped pattern, changing wipes when they dry or become soiled. Use separate wipes for handles/rails/ straps/mattress and underneath.  
**Clean monitor next** – use separate wipes for each part;leads,cables, cuff and sp02. Wipe down front face buttons.  
Clean thermometer, glucometer and other items used including EPCR.  
**Clean down seats, arms and straps** using separate wipes, also Stryker and Ferno chairs or patient handling devices if used.  
Dispose of all waste as category B healthcare waste and wash hands afterwards.  
**Clean floor on next return to a station** – use approved floor cleaners.


**Clinell Universal wipes - wipe and leave for 60 second contact time.**  
**Medi 9 Spray – spray and leave for 60 second contact time. Wipe off.**

Wipe in an S Shaped pattern



Working from clean to dirty, wipe in an 'S' shaped pattern, taking care not to go over the same area twice.

Do not let wipe dry out.



Change wipe if it becomes dry or soiled and discard. Dry the surface with a clean dry paper towel or cloth.

Use Medi9 as directed.

