

## Advice Request on Decontamination of Medical Devices

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Date	Requesting Person	Contact Details
22/03/2017	M Hay	Marlene.Hay@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
Name of device	Hand baths used in plastics	
Use (including type of patient and procedure)	<p>The hand baths are used to warm up hands to increase mobilisation and to clean prior to removing K wires /stitches etc. The basin /arm bath has a non-sterile plastic bag placed in the bath and then it is filled with warm tap water and either Betadine is used if the hand / arm have external fixators / K wires and stitches (open wound areas) or Hibiscrub if the hand /arm skin is intact. This procedure involves outpatients who have their first dressings carried out following surgery. The basins / baths are then decontaminated with alcohol gel from the hand gel dispenser and cream cleanser.</p> <p>Advised by IPCN to clean the basins with Actichlor if there is risk of blood and body fluids / wounds and detergent wipes if skin is intact. We have advised to consider not using the plastic bags as these are not sterile and may be contaminated.</p>	
Reason for new device	Not new device. This practice has been in place for many years and is a historical practice.	
<b>Manufacturer</b>		<b>Re-usable / Single Use?</b>
Duffield Medical Physiotherapy Limited which no longer exists.		Unknown

Query	Should these baths still be in use and how should these be decontaminated. The physiotherapist has developed a SOP since our last visit but this has not included NICE guidelines or surgeons' advice. The SOP has been attached for your review.
Details of manufacturers recommended decontamination	Duffield Medical Physiotherapy Limited no longer exists.
Recommendation of Decontamination Group	The group recommends hand baths should be single-use and that appropriate pulp or single-use disposable plastic bowls should be sourced by the unit.
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