

SPLINT CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

FareTec Splints are reusable when they can be properly cleaned and disinfected for additional field service. These guidelines are recommendations for maximizing the service life of the splint. Patients should follow the specific cleaning and disinfecting practices recommended by their medical practitioner.

CLEANING PROCEDURE

If you decide to re-use a splint, it should be initially cleaned using a cloth or sponge soaked with soap and water or a mild detergent to remove gross contamination. Any blood, body fluids, tissue or other soil materials should be completely removed prior to disinfection.

Next, prepare a dilution of sodium hypochlorite bleach (for example Clorox, White King) for a final concentration of 0.625% to 0.7%. This can typically be done with one-part bleach to 9 parts of water with normal household bleach, or one-part bleach to 11 parts of water for "concentrated" bleach.

Fully immerse the Splint in the diluted bleach solution, wiping each of the surfaces (including the straps) with a clean cloth while in the bleach solution. Allow the splint to remain submerged in the bleach solution for 10 minutes following wiping.

ALWAYS rinse the splint thoroughly with running water following immersion then allow to air dry or towel dry before placing it back into service.

If any of the straps or the splint itself is heavily soiled, we recommend replacing the splint all together and not risking having an infected item in the field.

Steam Cleaning is acceptable if preferred, along with cleaning agents.

High pressure cleaning is acceptable if done with extreme precautions not to damage the straps.

No to heat / fire .