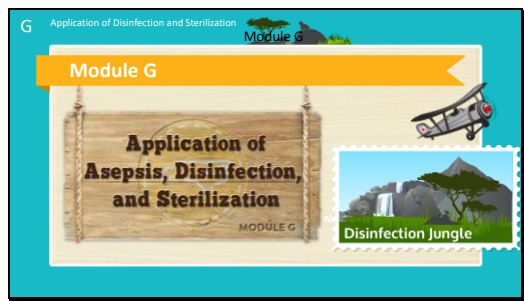
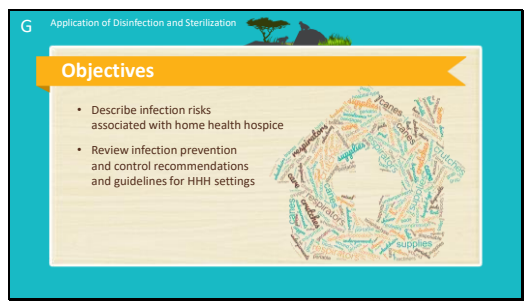


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Supply and Equipment Management

If the patient is known to be infected or colonized with a multidrug-resistant organism leave the equipment in the home until the patient discharges from home care services, if possible.



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Supply and Equipment Management

If non-critical patient care equipment (such as a stethoscope) cannot remain in the home, clean and disinfect items before removing using a low-to-intermediate-level disinfectant.

Alternatively, place contaminated reusable items in a plastic bag for transport and subsequent cleaning and disinfection.





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Home Care (Nursing) Bags

- Non-critical item
- Do not place on floor or another contaminated surface
- Place on visibly clean, dry surface
- If home infested place on doorknob or leave in car
- If contaminated with blood/body fluids, decontaminate with EPA-registered disinfectant



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Home Care (Nursing) Bags cont'd

Unused supplies may be saved and used for another patient UNLESS:

- Item removed from the bag and patient on contact precautions
- Item was visible soiled
- Item was opened or the integrity of the package compromised
- Manufacturer's expiration date has been exceeded



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Home Care Personal Vehicle




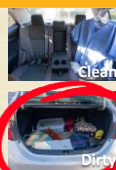
- Separation of clean and dirty in vehicle
- Patient care and personal items stored separately



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Home Care Personal Vehicle

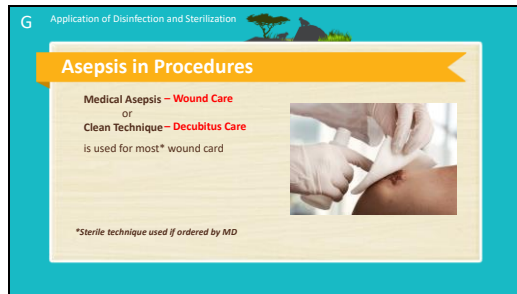


- Clean supplies should be stored in a clean area of the car, not on floor
- Store contaminated items and equipment needing cleaning in trunk (i.e., sharps containers)
- Store in a manner to avoid spilling

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Intermittent Urinary Catheters



Leg bags are favored when the patients are ambulatory. The patients or caregivers should be taught to empty the bag at frequent intervals.

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Tracheostomy Care

Clean Technique	Sterile technique
<ul style="list-style-type: none">In most situationsChange suction catheters at least dailyFlush with saline after each use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tracheostomy less than one month oldPhysician ordersUse new sterile suction catheter each time


- Suction canisters used for only 1 patient, emptied daily and washed with soap and water
- Suction tubing rinsed with tap water after each use
- Tubing disinfected weekly with a 1:10 bleach/water solution or a 1:3 vinegar solution

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Enteral Feeding

- Feeding bag and tubing should be rinsed after each feeding
- Tap water may be used
- Do not top off an existing bag of formula with new formula
- During feeding, check bag and tubing for foreign matter, mold and leakage




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Cleaning Equipment and Supplies

- Use clean technique to handle formula, equipment and supplies
- Equipment used for formula preparation should be cleaned using:
 - Dishwasher OR
 - Hot, soapy water
- Bags and tubing should not be used for more than 24 hour
- After 24 hours:
 - Discard tubing OR
 - Clean with soap and water, rinse, dry and air dry



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Knowledge Check

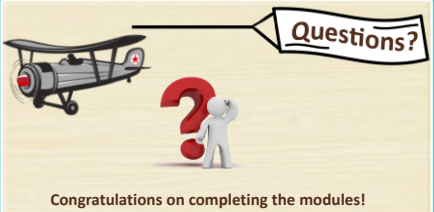
True or False?

Enteral feeding bags can be refilled if they are half empty

True False

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Questions?

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