

## Bag Technique Training

UTUBE VIDEO [Bag Technique \(Full\) - Bing video](#)

Assemble supplies in the bag with barriers and hand sanitizer in an outside compartment to limit cross-contamination. The inside of the bag is considered “clean” designated for patient supplies and equipment.



### Five Steps of Bag Technique in Homes during Patient Care

**First Step** is to find a suitable place, such as a clean dry surface for placement or hang on a door handle or heavy chair. **Do not place** on bed, upholstered furniture, or floor unless using a wheeled bag. Choose a location with enough workspace, close to the patient and away from children and pets. In some homes a plastic zip lock bag with items needed may be substituted. Wheeled rolling bags should remain on the floor. When front flap is opened, use a barrier between the floor and the open front flap.

**Second Step** is to take a plastic barrier out and place it under the bag. Take out hand sanitizer and perform hand hygiene. Place the hand sanitizer on the barrier. Use more than one barrier as needed.

**Third Step** is to remove supplies and items from the bag for patient care. **Also**, take out disinfectant wipes. Don PPE and perform care. **Never** go back into the bag with unclean or soiled gloved hands.

**Fourth Step** is to perform disinfection of reusable items. All items used in patient care are disinfected by applying the disinfectant wet and allowed to dry prior to return to the bag.

**Fifth Step** is to remove any PPE, perform hand hygiene and place cleaned reusable items into the bag.

### ADDITIONAL CLINICAL BAG REMINDERS

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| Always keep needed supplies on hand               | Do not bring bag into homes “infested” , some patients with isolation precautions or if judged not appropriate by clinician. Bring needed items in a clear plastic zip lock bag. |
| Be aware of storage conditions (heat/cold of car) | Periodically, take all supplies out of the bag, inspect, and remove any expired supplies. Using a disinfectant wipe and gloves and clean the inside and outside of the bag       |
| Check supplies for expiration dates               | Be aware of used Sharps in the Home, only use agency safety devices for finger sticks and injections                                                                             |
| Keep in clean area of car                         | <b><u>Never enter clinical bag with unclean or soiled gloved hands</u></b>                                                                                                       |

**Agency Disinfection policy: Disinfect all equipment used in patient care each time.**

**70% Alcohol Wipe** – most patient care supplies  
**Sani Bleach wipe** – Don Gloves first - blood or C. Diff  
**Remember to performs** hand hygiene prior to entries in the tablet, wipes down device and keyboard with agency specified disinfectant at least once per day

***Patient Education- It is Important. Please, remember to document what you taught!***

