



Disinfectant Compatibility: What to Ask Your Equipment Manufacturer?

Disinfection of medical equipment is an important component of preventing the spread of pathogens that can cause healthcare-associated infections (HAIs). However, equipment is comprised of many different materials, each of which may respond differently to the disinfectants used in your facility. Proactively asking your equipment manufacturers about cleaning and care recommendations and how they align with your protocols can help protect your investment and reinforce your commitment to patient care. Below are a set of questions to consider as you evaluate new and existing equipment for your facility.

Understanding Current Cleaning and Disinfecting Recommendations

What products or actives are recommended for cleaning and disinfecting this piece of equipment?

Can these products be used on all parts of the equipment? If not, please specify.

Are there particular cleaning and disinfecting chemistries (e.g., bleach, quat) that you know to be incompatible with this equipment?

For any chemistries that you have found to be incompatible, is the issue cosmetic, functional or both?

If you haven't tested cleaning and disinfectant chemistries on your specific medical device, have you tested them on any of the following material surfaces?

- ▶ Polycarbonate
- ▶ Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)
- ▶ Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
- ▶ Nylon
- ▶ Acetyl
- ▶ Polybutylene terephthalate (PBT)

Clorox Healthcare® Products and Key Pathogens

Which of the following Clorox Healthcare® products are approved for use on your equipment?



Clorox Healthcare® Bleach Germicidal Wipes



Clorox Healthcare® Bleach Germicidal Cleaner



Clorox Healthcare® Fuzion® Cleaner Disinfectant



Clorox Healthcare® Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes



Clorox Healthcare® Multi-Surface Quat Alcohol Wipes

If sodium hypochlorite (i.e., bleach) is not approved, how do I disinfect in the event of a *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*) outbreak? Note: As per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, the use of sodium hypochlorite is recommended for disinfection of *C. difficile* spores.

Future Testing Opportunities

How often do you update your cleaning and care guide? How can I stay informed of any changes?

How do you evaluate new disinfectants for your cleaning and care guide? If one or more of the Clorox Healthcare® products that my facility uses has not been tested on your equipment, how can we get it added to your approval list?

Are you willing to participate in programs such as **The Clorox Healthcare Compatible™ program**, which tests a broad platform of disinfectant chemistries on medical equipment to determine compatibility, both cosmetic and functional?



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