

NOVA Tablet Cart – Cleaning Instructions

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter provides information and instructions regarding in-hospital cleaning of Tryten® NOVA tablet carts.

Device Description

Designed and manufactured by Tryten®, the NOVA mobile point-of-care medical tablet carts are designed to hold a computer tablet so that medical practitioners may access patient records and other medical information, confer with other medical practitioners and access other software or computer applications. The computer tablet is not provided with the NOVA tablet carts. The NOVA tablet carts do not contain software and are not provided sterile.

General Information

Cleaning is the necessary first step of any disinfection process. Cleaning removes organic matter, salts, and visible soils, all of which interfere with microbial inactivation. The physical action of scrubbing with detergents and surfactants and rinsing with water removes substantial numbers of microorganisms. If a surface is not cleaned first, the success of the disinfection process can be compromised. Removal of all visible blood and inorganic and organic matter can be as critical as the germicidal activity of the disinfecting agent.

- Shared equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between patient uses;
- Clean soiled NOVA carts immediately after each use;
- NOVA carts must be cleaned with detergent prior to disinfection;
- Disinfectant wipes should be used for point of care cleaning; wipes must be kept wet and discarded if they become dry;
- EPA-registered hospital-grade disinfectant wipes should meet Center for Disease Control (CDC)¹ and Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations;
- Do NOT use tape that leaves a residue on patient equipment; and
- Use of commercial bleach products on the NOVA tablet carts is not recommended.

¹ CDC 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings



Cleaning Instructions

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the task;
- Clean and disinfect NOVA carts in a designated area (avoid performing equipment cleaning in high traffic areas like hallways or where contact with clean items may occur);
- Close all electrical channel outlets;
- Clean the NOVA cart with a clean damp cloth having been saturated with common hospital detergent and clean water;
- All blood and other contaminants must be cleaned thoroughly before applying the disinfectant;
- Discard cleaning cloths after use;
- Wipe down NOVA cart with disinfectant wipes according to manufacturer's instructions;
- Allow equipment to air dry (some items may require rinsing off prior to use – ensure disinfectant has adequate contact time with the NOVA cart before rinsing); and
- Do not re-use disinfectant wipes.

Please contact Tryten® Technologies Inc. if you have any questions regarding the cleaning and disinfection of NOVA carts.

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