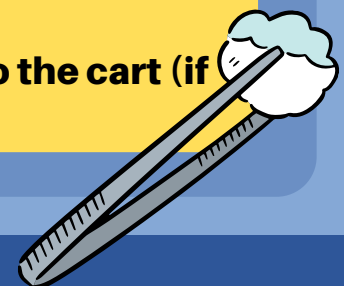




WOUND CARE: INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES

- 1) Perform hand hygiene (HH) before accessing the cart drawers.**
- 2) Place alcohol-based hand sanitizer (ABHS) and facility approved EPA registered surface disinfectant wipes on top of cart.**
- 3) Clean top of cart with surface disinfectant wipe.**
- 4) Keep wound carts outside of resident rooms at all times.**
- 5) Gather all supplies needed for wound care.**
- 6) Disinfect scissors before use.**
- 7) Dispense topicals into small single-use cups. Do not take topical medication containers into the resident room.**
- 8) Establish a clean surface in resident's room for placement of supplies. Use a disposable pad or paper towel or disinfect the surface beforehand.**
- 9) Perform HH.**
- 10) Don clean gloves and PPE per facility policy. Eye protection and a face mask should be added if splash or spray is likely.**
- 11) Position barrier under wound.**
- 12) Remove old dressing and discard it into trash immediately.**
- 13) Remove dirty gloves and discard.**
- 14) Perform HH and don clean gloves.**
- 15) Cleanse wound, complete treatment, and dressing.**
- 16) Dispose of trash and all unused disposable supplies taken into the room.**
- 17) Remove gloves and perform HH.**
- 18) Disinfect scissors thoroughly in a fully open position after use and let air dry prior to returning to the wound care cart.**
- 19) Disinfect all other non-disposable items that are returned to the cart (if any).**





WOUND CARE CART: INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES

- **Perform hand hygiene before accessing the cart drawers.**
- **Stock carts with alcohol-based hand sanitizer and disinfect wipes.**
- **Dedicate scissors to each cart and disinfect before and after use.**
- **Dispense topicals into small single-use cups. Do not take topical medication containers into the resident rooms.**
- **Store medications in separate compartments or patient specific plastic bags and do not share among residents. Medications prescribed for residents are never shared.**
- **Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene if cart must be accessed during care**
- **Discard unused disposable supplies taken into the resident room. Do not return these items to the cart.**
- **Disinfect all non-disposable items that are returned to the cart.**
- **Disinfect scissors thoroughly in a fully open position after use and let air dry prior to returning to the wound care cart.**
- **Dedicate one wound cart for each unit or wing of the facility.**
- **Keep wound carts outside of resident rooms at all times.**
- **Disinfect all outside surfaces of the cart daily.**
- **Empty and disinfect all compartments on the inside of the cart, on a regular basis e.g., monthly.**
- **Review contents of cart on a regular basis e.g., monthly, and discard expired or compromised items.**
- **Discard resident medications upon discharge.**

