

1 CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

1.1 GENERAL

Although the use of the laser VITRA PDT does not involve any skin contact with the patient, attention should be given to the possibility of cross-contamination between patients via the system patient contact areas (chinrest, headrest and steadying handles). In addition the entire system will require routine cleaning as described in the care and maintenance section of this manual.

1.2 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

The health care facility where the instrument is to be used is responsible for:

- 1) Determining the level of cleaning and disinfection of patient contact areas required between patients.
 - 2) Appropriate education and training for staff required to carry out cleaning and disinfection.
 - 3) Ensuring that routine cleaning and disinfection methods used in the facility are compatible with the instrument.
 - 4) Routine cleaning of the entire system.
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1.3 CLEANING AND DISINFECTION OF PATIENT AREAS

Although cleaning and disinfection procedures and standards within different health care facilities may vary considerably, the following points are provided as general guidelines:

- 1) Thorough cleaning of all patient contact areas is recommended for each procedure. Disposable chinrest papers can also be attached to the chinrest area and changed between patients.
 - 2) Manual cleaning can be carried out by wiping all contact areas using a suitable liquid cleaning agent which is non-corrosive, non-toxic and low in residue.
 - 3) Chemical disinfection of patient contact areas may be carried out provided that the method and materials chosen by the health care facility have been shown to be compatible with the instrument.
 - 4) Steam sterilization and heat disinfection is not recommended and the chinrest assembly (or any other system components) should not be immersed in liquid.
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