

# Cleaning and disinfection of reusable equipment

## Step 1 – Cleaning

Removes dirt and debris from surfaces  
Use detergent, water and a brush or use an ultrasonic cleaning device

## Step 2 – Rinsing

Removes detergent and dirt residue from surfaces. Use clean, warm water

## Step 3 – Drying

Removes water from surfaces. Equipment and instruments are to be dried thoroughly.  
Use a clean lint-free cloth, soft absorbent towel, or air dry

## Step 4 – Disinfection

Kills germs. Use appropriate disinfectant. Follow manufacturer's instructions.  
Disinfectants must have a [Drug Identification # \(DIN\)](#) or [Natural Product # \(NPN\)](#).  
Check the Health Canada [Medical Devices Active Licence Listing \(MDALL\)](#) for approved high level disinfectants



### Low Level Disinfectant

Use on general [work surfaces](#) and equipment such as [combs](#), [brushes](#)

### Intermediate Level Disinfectant

Use on equipment such as [nail clippers](#), [nail nippers](#)

### High Level Disinfectant

Use on equipment such as [microblade handles](#), [grater-style foot files](#)  
Maintain records for high level disinfectants. Records must include the disinfectant name, concentration, preparation date and date to discard the disinfectant

## Step 5 – Rinsing after disinfection

Rinse the disinfected equipment where required by the manufacturer's instructions or when bleach is used

## Step 6 – Drying

Equipment and instruments are to be dried thoroughly.  
Use a clean lint-free cloth or soft absorbent towel or air dry

## Step 7 – Storage

Store equipment in a clean and sanitary manner to prevent contamination

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