

Step by step instructions for cleaning cuffs: for Hokanson cuffs with blue cloth covers

It is recommended that cuff covers be washed daily, after use.

Cleaning vascular cuffs with a washing machine

1. Remove the bladders from the cuffs.
2. If the bladder was contaminated it can be cleaned separately, following the instructions below.
3. Add a laundry soap or mild detergent to either warm or cold water then add the cuff covers.
4. Use a gentle cycle. Do not use fabric softener.
5. Remove cuffs from the washing machine and open the end of the cuff (where the bladder goes) and hang dry the cuff cover.
6. After washing, make sure both the outside and inside are dry before reinserting the bladders.

Cleaning cuffs by hand washing (Follow steps 1 and 2 above)

3. Add soap or a mild detergent to a sink filled with warm water.
4. Soak the cuff covers for a few minutes. Then, using a soft tooth brush or hand brush scrub the cuff covers.
5. Remove from the soapy water and rinse thoroughly with clean water.
6. Roll up the cuff covers to drain off as much water as possible, then open the end of the cuff (where the bladder goes) and hang dry the cuff cover.
7. After washing, make sure both the outside and inside are dry before reinserting the bladders.

Using Chemical Cleaners

1. Use proper protective gear as recommended by the chemical cleaner label.
2. Take the cuff cover to be cleaned and place it on a clean/non contaminated surface.
3. Apply the cleaner according to the instructions on the label which usually are: spray or wipe the entire surface of the cuff, including seams, areas under the edge of the Velcro[®] and the Velcro with cleaner until visibly wet. If you use a towel or applicator to apply the cleaner, it should be free from contamination.
4. Allow the cuff to remain visibly wet for a minimum of 10 minutes to insure complete effectiveness of the chemical cleaner. Please read the labels and follow the manufacturer's instructions because the "contact times" can vary and 10 minutes is the current longest time period known for the chemical cleaners evaluated.
5. Wipe dry with clean dry cloth. After doing a set or batch of cuffs the towel should be washed and dried before reuse.

Cleaning Cuff Bladders

1. If the bladder is contaminated, it can be cleaned separately. After removing the bladder from the cover, plug the tubing to prevent any water or cleaner from getting into the bladder or tubing. Do not get water or cleaner inside the bladder or tubing.
2. Wash off with soapy water and then rinse. Let air dry or towel dry with a clean non-contaminated towel.
3. Or wet the bladder with one of the compatible chemical cleaners (read the cleaner's label for how to apply). Allow the surfaces to remain visibly wet for 10 minutes and then towel dry with a clean towel.