

## CLEANING & CARE – OUTER COVER

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#### LIGHT SOILING

**! IMPORTANT** In the absence of gross contamination or unusual risk, the removal of dirt and spillages with clean, warm water, neutral detergent should be sufficient. However, if required the cover can be wiped down with a 0.1% hypochlorite Solution (1,000ppm). Ensure that the cover is rinsed with clean water using a single use non-abrasive cloth, and thoroughly dried. Ensure adequate ventilation.

#### HEAVY SOILING

**! IMPORTANT** In cases of gross contamination the mattress cover should be cleaned first with detergent and water then with a diluted solution of 0.1% hypochlorite (1,000ppm). Rinse well with clean water and wipe down with a damp single use non-abrasive cloth. Ensure adequate ventilation.

**! IMPORTANT** If required, a 1% hypochlorite solution (10,000ppm) and cold water may be applied for not more than 2 minutes.

**! IMPORTANT** Machine washing instruction outer mattress cover

Disinfection may be achieved by laundering at temperatures not exceeding 65°C for 10 minutes or 73°C for 3 minutes. (BHTA Protects, Rinse and Dry)

## CLEANING & CARE – INNER REPOSE MATTRESS OVERLAY

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- Repose can be cleaned with soap or detergent and water and can be disinfected in accordance with the infection control policy for standard mattresses.
- Alcohol & phenol based disinfectants should not be used.
- Allow to dry before use or storage.

**! IMPORTANT** Disposable gloves and aprons should be worn. If splashing could occur eye / face protection should also be worn. On removal of gloves, hands should be washed. Ensure mattress cover is thoroughly dried before remaking the bed.

#### DRYING

**! IMPORTANT** To avoid shrinkage, line dry in an indoor clean environment. Covers must be thoroughly dried before re-fitting to the mattress.

**! IMPORTANT** Do not mangle or iron.

#### INSPECTION

##### **WARNING:**

Inspect the inner and outer surfaces of covers and their zip fasteners regularly for signs of damage. If the cover is stained, soiled or torn, the foam core should be examined. Damaged / soiled covers and mattresses should be reported to the ward / department manager. If the core of the mattress is wet or badly stained, the mattress should be withdrawn from service.