



## TurtleTub Cleaning Instructions

The TurtleTub bathing system is approved for hospital use as follows:

- The TurtleTub functions as a single-patient-use tub. It is used one or more times on the same infant.
  - a. Cleaning for single-patient-use: Wash the TurtleTub with gentle soap and water and dry.
- The TurtleTub functions as a multi-use tub in which it is reused on multiple patients using a clean TurtleTub disposable liner for each bath.
  - a. Cleaning for multi-patient-use: Discard TurtleTub liner. Wash the TurtleTub according to multi-patient equipment hospital protocol – we recommend PDI Sani-Cloth Super (purple top) wipe to clean the tub. Other wipes may be acceptable. Please contact us for current approved wipes.

**Our cleaning instructions are based on current infection control policy in most hospitals as well as below information:**

- Published studies show that bath basins in the hospital (even after cleaning) are frequently contaminated with pathogens.<sup>1,2</sup>
- After multiple uses of the TurtleTub, the inside surface can get scratched, creating areas that are more difficult to clean and more at risk for contamination.
- Our labeling and instructions state that the TurtleTub can be used as a single-patient-use product or as a multi-patient-use product with our TurtleTub disposable liners. Since research does not support multi-patient-use (without liners), we do not recommend this practice. TurtleTub warranty is valid for on-label use only.
- Neonatal patients are susceptible to MRSA and other Hospital Acquired Infections, so why take any additional risk when bathing?
- Multi-patient-use of the TurtleTub without liners may compromise the temperature indicator prior to the warranty period.
- Would you want your baby bathed in a multi-use hospital bathtub (without a clean liner)?
- Lastly, what do you think the family would answer to the question above?

Why take a risk? Disposable liners satisfy infection control guidelines, make good common sense and reduce the risk of cross-contamination. Your infant patients deserve a clean safe bath.

1. Marchaim D, et al. Hospital bath basins are frequently contaminated with multidrug-resistant human pathogens. *American Journal of Infection Control*. 2012; 40: 562-4.

2. Johnson D, Lineweaver L, Maze L. Patients' bath basins as potential sources of infection: A multicenter sampling study. *American Journal of Critical Care*. Jan 2009; 18(1): 31-40.

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