

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING CENTRIFUGES

Ascend Clinical supplies a centrifuge for laboratory procedures. Follow your clinic's equipment maintenance protocol and manufacturer's recommendation for cleaning, general maintenance and safety recommendations. See our recommendations below the event of a centrifuge malfunction, the clinic will decontaminate the centrifuge and contact Client Services to obtain a call tag for the centrifuge to be returned and to request a replacement.

1. Cleaning

- Clean the centrifuge weekly using a mild detergent. Spills should be wiped up immediately.
- Clean both the exterior and the interior.
- Interior cleaning includes the interior bucket, specimen holder, rotor and rubber cushion.

2. Disinfecting

- Disinfect using a 10% bleach solution (one part bleach to nine parts water).
- Exterior of the centrifuge should be disinfected weekly.
- Interior should be disinfected monthly.

3. Tips

- Always place on flat surface first.
- Always unplug power cord from the electrical outlet before cleaning.
- Wear disposable gloves.
- Follow your facility's safety procedures when cleaning and disinfecting the centrifuge.
- Before transporting the centrifuge to a new location, the exterior and interior surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected.
- Plug centrifuge back into electrical outlet only when completely dry.
- Prepare a fresh 10% bleach solution each time. Once mixed with water, bleach loses effectiveness after 24 hours. The solution should not be stored for future use.

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at 800.800.5655, Option 1