

Multi-patient Use of OneTouch® Brand Blood Glucose Meters*

Dear Health Care Professional:

The OneTouch® Brand Meters can be used in a home setting for individual blood glucose testing and can also be used by health care professionals in a clinical setting (e.g., long term care facilities, clinics, and physician offices). Health care professionals should follow World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations for Standard Precautions¹, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended practices as they pertain to diabetes care^{2,3,4} and/or institutional infection control guidelines designed to minimize the risk of transmission of blood borne pathogens when performing blood glucose testing with multiple patients.

LifeScan recommends the following practices and procedures be followed when using OneTouch® Brand Meters for blood glucose testing of multiple patients:

Personal Protective Equipment

Health care professionals should follow standard precautions¹ and practices² regarding hand hygiene and disposable gloves when performing glucose testing on patients.

Lancing Devices

A single-use, retractable-needle, lancing device, such as the OneTouch® SureSoft® disposable lancing device, should be used for each patient skin puncture. Dispose of single-use lancing devices in an appropriate container immediately after use.

⚠ CAUTION: Do Not use the single-patient lancing devices and lancets originally supplied with OneTouch® Brand Meters for the testing of multiple patients. These single patient lancing devices are not designed to safely obtain samples from more than one patient.

Test Strips

OneTouch® Brand Test Strips are intended for single use only. They should be disposed of in an appropriate container immediately after use.

Meter

- If possible, a separate OneTouch® Meter should be assigned to each patient and used only to test that patient or the patient's own individual meter should be used.
- If a single meter is used to test multiple patients, the meter must be cleaned per the User Guide and disinfected after each use, as specified below, whether or not blood contamination is suspected.

Meter Disinfection Procedure

1. Prepare a fresh (i.e., daily) 10% bleach solution (i.e., make a dilution of 1 part bleach to 9 parts water) or obtain equivalent (0.525% sodium hypochlorite) wipes. Follow manufacturer's instructions for handling bleach solutions.

⚠ CAUTION: Do Not use other cleaners or disinfectants (e.g., isopropyl alcohol or hydrogen peroxide) because these chemicals may damage the meter.

2. Clean the outside of the meter with a soft cloth dampened with a 10% bleach solution or with the 0.525% equivalent sodium hypochlorite wipes.
3. Allow surface to remain wet for approximately 5 to 10 minutes or as specified by the manufacturer of the disinfectant.

⚠ CAUTION: Do Not get fluid inside the meter or test strip port connector. Never immerse the meter or hold it under running water because this will damage the meter. See the Care and Maintenance Section of the OneTouch® Brand User Guide for more information.

4. Wipe the meter dry with a soft cloth.

* This disinfection procedure applies to OneTouch® Ultra®, OneTouch® Ultra®2, OneTouch® UltraLink®, OneTouch® UltraMini®, OneTouch® Ping™ Meter Remote, OneTouch® Select®, and OneTouch® UltraSmart®. For other meter types, please see meter-specific instructions on this website and/or meter-specific instructions in the User Guide/Owner's Booklet.

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Should you need additional assistance, please contact the LifeScan, Inc., Healthcare Professional Line at 1 800 524-7226.