

FlexiMed Training Centre Policy

Infection control and Manikin cleaning Policy

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APPROVED CENTRE

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Introduction

The centre is committed to providing a safe environment, safe equipment and a safe training environment. In addition, we will ensure environmental legislation is complied with is a key function of any training organisation. The centre aims to maintain the highest standards of equipment care to comply with legislative requirements and provide an environment in which effective learning can take place.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to outline the standards and guidance surrounding infection control and manikin maintenance. All instructors are required to make themselves familiar with this policy.

Manikin Cleaning

It is the responsibility of the centre and our instructors to prepare their training aids in a clean and sanitary condition. This primarily concerns the cleaning and maintenance of training manikins. Manikins should be cleaned and a record kept of the cleaning conducted. The following protocols should be followed:

- **Record Sheets.** Each manikin should be serialised and a separate record sheet should be kept for each manikin.
- **On Receipt.** Each manikin should be checked and inspected for serviceability on receipt. Spare faces, lung bladders should be available at all times.
- **Daily Cleaning.** All manikins should be cleaned before and after every training day in accordance with maintenance instructions. Cleaning should be carried out using a recognised cleaning agent such as Milton fluid or a similar product. Cleaning solutions should be mixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. All cleaning should be recorded on respective record sheet.
- **Cleaning During Training.** Approved cleaning wipes are to be available throughout training. Ideally, each student is to be issued with a personal interchangeable face however if the manikin has a non-changeable face, students are to clean around the mouth and airway with wipes before another student uses the manikin to carry out CPR. Manikin lungs should be changed in accordance to manufacturer's guidance.
- **Inspections.** All manikins should be inspected monthly and any unserviceable parts replaced in accordance with the manufacturers user instructions. All inspections should be recorded on respective record sheets.
- **Storage.** All manikins should be stored in a dry, clean, dust free environment. The manikin should be stored at room temperature in order to maintain the integrity and serviceability of the equipment.
- **Conditioning.** Manikins are to be maintained to the highest of standards. Instructors are to condition, dispose, and replace any unserviceable equipment. Any instructor using unserviceable equipment will be in breach of contract and remedial action will be taken in terms of removal from the centre and ProTrainings will be informed.

Infection Control

The centre also has a responsibility to clean and maintain any other equipment that is provided to learners, this includes providing gloves and equipment that is clean, of a good standard of repair and free from the risk of infection.

Summary

In summary, the centre has professional, legal, legislative, and ethical responsibilities in terms of Equipment Care, and specifically Manikin Cleaning. Due to the intimate nature of manikin use and the health hazards associated with unsanitary equipment, this policy is to be followed and adhered to. Hygiene and safety is a core function of a training organisation offering First Aid courses and we will operate at the highest standards in order to support our learners and provide our stakeholders with TOTAL ASSURANCE that we are a professional and credible organisation.