

<b>Date:</b>	May 29, 2020
<b>To:</b>	All staff
<b>From:</b>	Regional Coordinator, Medical Device Reprocessing
<b>Re:</b>	Cleaning Exergen Temporal Thermometers

Exergen temporal thermometers are used throughout many Northern Health sites in the ICU, Day Care, Acute and Emergency Departments.

The device is used to get quick, accurate temperatures of patients. They can be used on their own or with the *optional* cover.



Optional Cover

### **Cleaning after each use**

If using the thermometer without the optional cover, clean immediately after use, prior to use on another patient.

#### **Steps for Cleaning:**

1. Using a disinfectant wipe or disinfectant liquid with soft cloth, wipe the entire thermometer, concentrating on the probe cone.
2. At least once a week clean probe lens using a swab dipped in 70% isopropyl alcohol and clean the probe lens to remove debris (thermometer will give false readings if probe lens is dirty).
  - o This step does not have to be completed after every use.

NOTE: **Do not** use chlorhexidine with alcohol swabs to clean the probe lens.