

# POLICY MANUAL

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**Subject:** Glucometers Cleaning and Maintenance      **Effective Date:** 12/2011

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**POLICY:** Cumberland Heights Glucometers and Lancet Guns will be cleaned per the manufacture guidelines when being used between patients.

**PROCEDURE:**

Cumberland Heights keeps Glucometers and Lancet Guns in the Medical Department at all times. These are available to use in emergencies and for patients who are diabetic and do not have their own machine.

When a Cumberland Heights glucometer is used, the machine and gun will be cleaned thoroughly by medical staff after each use.

If a patient is a diabetic and did not bring in his/her own machine the medical staff will assign him/her a Cumberland Heights' machine and gun. This assigned machine will be used **ONLY** by that individual patient for his /her length of stay.

When the patient is discharged, the machine and gun will be cleaned thoroughly per the manufacture guidelines and returned to Cumberland Heights stock.