

# Sling & Belt Cleaning Recommendations

Medcare's reusable and patient specific slings and belts are treated with antimicrobial product protection, which works 24/7 for an added level of cleanliness protection.

In order to further reduce the likelihood of cross-contamination of infectious diseases between patients, Medcare recommends that reusable slings be laundered between uses on different patients. The use of patient specific slings on a single patient will also help to reduce or eliminate the risk of cross-contamination. All of our slings can also be wiped down or spot cleaned between washings, using your standard cleaning product (e.g. AHP).

Medcare's suggested sling cleaning policy is based on our research. We recommend that you use these as a guideline for your facility. In all cases, the cleaning policies and procedures that you have determined for your facility should be followed and should supersede Medcare's suggested policy.

## Sling and Belt Washing and Care Instructions

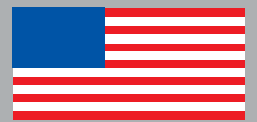
- Spot cleaning for between washing treatments
- Machine wash in soap solution
- Maximum washing temperature = 165° F
- Rinse thoroughly
- Hang or tumble dry
- Maximum drying temperature = 175° F
- Do not overload dryer
- Do not place in direct contact with heat source in dryer
- Do not dry clean

### Medcare Slings Contain Antimicrobial Product Protection

*Antimicrobial product protection provides continuous antimicrobial cleaning which inhibits the growth of microbes such as bacteria, mold and mildew that can cause stains, odors and product deterioration; keeping the slings cleaner between cleanings.*



**NOTE:** The use of bleach for cleaning any Medcare manufactured sling is not encouraged. Using bleach will reduce the "life" of the sling. Bleach is known to speed up fabric deterioration while causing fading and discoloration. If your facility is using bleach to launder slings it is imperative to inspect for premature wearing on a regular basis. This will ensure a safe transfer for the patient and caregiver.



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