

Procedure for decontamination of remote monitoring pack

Requirement

Reducing the risk of Covid-19 patient/patient, patient/staff cross-contamination due to use and handling of pulse oximeters and paper diaries.

Pack:

- The remote monitoring pack contains a 2-page paper diary and patient information leaflet and an unboxed pulse oximeter within a clear zip-lock bag.

Collection of pack:

- Verbal explanation of use of diary to occur remotely.
- Collection either via non-isolating patient contact or volunteer.
- If neither of above appropriate, for direct delivery to patient's address by practice staff.
- ID of pack along with patient details recorded (via EMIS or separate excel spreadsheet)

Return of pack:

- For return of pack at 14 days since start of symptoms or when patient condition has resolved, whichever is later.
- Pack to be returned as pulse oximeter +/- paper diary within the zip-lock bag, by the patient or non-isolating patient contact. If patient unable to return, to organise for volunteer or practice staff collection.
- Paper diary only to be included if no documentation of vital signs recordings (i.e. accurx remote monitoring text responses) or patient unable to provide image of completed diary as response to accurx text.
- Member of staff receiving the pack to wear gloves and wash their hands after cleaning the pulse-oximeter and disposing of non-reusable contents¹. If the paper diary is included, member of staff to obtain images of the paper diary for health record and dispose of diary in the clinical waste bin.
- Pulse oximeter to be cleaned with actichlor solution and placed in a new zip-lock bag with a new patient diary. The returned bag should be disposed of in the clinical waste bin.
- Pack to be recorded as returned (EMIS or separate excel spreadsheet).

¹https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877533/Routine_decontamination_of_reusable_noninvasive_equipment.pdf