Name of Policy: Cleaning Ultrasound Machine and Transducers

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(A) Policy Statement

The ultrasound machine, transducers and EKG cables must be wiped off immediately after each exam to protect patients and personnel from a variety of pathogens, according to manufacturer's recommendations.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To set guidelines and standards for proper cleaning of the Ultrasound machine that is consistent.

(C) Procedure

- 1. After each ultrasound exam is performed the machine will be cleaned.
- 2. Remove all ultrasound gel from the transducers and EKG cables with a dry washcloth.
- 3. Wipe the transducers and EKG cable off with a germicidal grey sani-wipe cloth.
- 4. Inspect the transducer and EKG cable for bumps, cracks, and cuts.
- 5. After testing is done for COVID patients, the tech will change the filter for the ultrasound machine.

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