

## **Disinfecting Listening Stethoscopes**

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### **Cleaning and Disinfecting Listening Stethoscopes :**

- Clean entire surface of hearing instrument with disinfectant towelette or paper towel
- Disinfect entire hearing instrument surface with unused portion of or fresh disinfectant towelette
- Perform hearing instrument listening check
- After performing the listening check, clean bell and ear tips of listening stethoscope
- Proceed with disinfecting listening stethoscope with unused portion of or fresh disinfectant towelette.

### **References:**

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