

POLICY VI-30	Single-use Medical Devices	DOMAIN Clinical Guidance
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NOTE: The first appearance of terms in bold in the body of this document (except titles) are defined terms – please refer to the Definition section

Policy Statement:

Covenant Health Infection Prevention & Control supports patient/client/resident¹ safety and staff knowledge regarding the safe and appropriate use of single-use medical devices.

Purpose Statement:

The Covenant Health Single-Use Medical Device Policy provides the requirements necessary for the safe and appropriate use of **single-use medical devices** in Covenant Health facilities to prevent the transmission of micro-organisms and minimize the risk of harm to patients. This policy aligns with the Alberta Health Services Policy for Critical and Semi-Critical Medical Devices and is compliant with the Alberta Health Reusable & Single-Use Medical Devices Standards.

Applicability:

This policy is applicable in all Covenant Health facilities and applies to all Covenant Health employees, medical staff, volunteers, students, contractors, and any other persons acting on behalf of Covenant Health.

Responsibility:

All Covenant Health employees, medical staff, students, volunteers, and any other persons acting on behalf of Covenant Health must comply with the requirements of this policy.

Principles:

Providing Covenant Health staff with the requirements necessary to support safe and appropriate use of single-use medical devices aligns with Covenant Health’s commitment to address and mitigate patient safety risks and demonstrates adherence to national standards and compliance with legislated and contractual requirements regarding the use of single-use medical devices.

Definitions:

Single-use medical device means a critical or semi-critical medical device labelled by their manufacturer to be used only once. The manufacturer may use terms, including but not limited to the following, to designate a device for single-use only:

- Disposable;
- Consumable;

¹ Hereafter, all references to ‘patients’ includes residents and clients.

- Not for reuse or do not reuse;
- Discard after Single-Use;
- Do not use twice; or
- A symbol such as:



Relevant Covenant Health Policy and Policy Support Documents:

A. Policies:
III-45 [Clinical Adverse Events, Close Calls and Hazards](#)

B. Procedures:

C. Guidelines:

D. Job aids:

E. Standards:
VI-30.STND.1 [Standards for Single-use Medical Devices](#)

Keywords:

References:

Alberta Health Services (2022). Critical and Semi-Critical Single-Use Medical Devices Policy.:
<https://extranet.ahsnet.ca/teams/policydocuments/1/clp-single-use-medical-devices-ps-07-policy.pdf>

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