



Fresenius Medical Care North America Service Bulletin

Equipment: All Hemodialysis Machines
Bulletin: 13-FRS-007 Rev B
Subject: Bleach Disinfection Clarification

1.0 PURPOSE

To inform all patients, facilities, Field Service and Technical Support personnel about the recommended maximum bleach concentration to be used when disinfecting a 2008[®] Series hemodialysis machine.

2.0 SCOPE

Bleach Disinfection Clarification

It has come to our attention that there are various bleach products available in the market with different concentrations of sodium hypochlorite, some as high as 8.25%.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) refers to a concentration level between 5.25% – 6.15% for disinfection of hemodialysis equipment.

Our recommendation is to use the minimum bleach concentration referred to by the CDC guidelines for disinfection (5.25%-6.15% sodium hypochlorite). Use of bleach concentrations above the 6.15% level or bleach with additives (other than Sodium Hydroxide), may potentially damage the machine components and/or reduce the longevity of the Diasafe[®] and Diasafe[®] PLUS filters.

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