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## **Nebulizer Cleaning**

All parts of the nebulizer, except tubing, should be cleaned according to the following instructions. Your physician and/or Drive provider may specify a certain cleaning procedure. If so, follow their recommendations.

To prevent possible risk of infection from contaminated medication, cleaning of the nebulizer is recommended after each aerosol treatment. Disinfecting is recommended once a day.

**WARNING!** 

In order to decrease the risk of contamination, nebulizer cups are for single patient use only.

## **Clean After Every Use:**

- 1. With power switch in the "Off" position, unplug power cord from wall outlet.
- 2. Disconnect tubing from the air-inlet connector and set aside.
- 3. Disassemble mouthpiece or mask from cap. Open nebulizer by turning cap counterclockwise and remove baffle.
- Wash all items, except tubing, in a hot water/dishwashing detergent solution.
   Rinse under hot tap water for 30 seconds to remove detergent residue. Allow to air dry.
- 5. For reusable nebulizer only, it can be cleaned daily in dishwasher using top shelf or by following the above cleaning procedure.

The Drive Reusable Nebulizer is dishwasher safe, but do not place any Drive Disposable Nebulizer parts in an automatic dishwasher; doing so could cause damage.

**CAUTION!** 

## **Disinfect Daily**

- Using a clean container or bowl, soak items in three parts hot water to one part
  white vinegar for 30 minutes OR use a medical bacterial-germicidal disinfectant
  available through your provider. Be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions carefully.
- 2. With clean hands, remove items from disinfectant solution, rinse under hot tap water, and air dry on a clean paper towel. Store in a zip-lock bag.

**NOTE** Do not towel dry nebulizer parts; this could cause contamination.

To prevent possible risk of infection from contaminated cleaning solutions, always prepare fresh solution for each cleaning cycle and discard solution after each use.

**WARNING!** 

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