



## **Dr. Brown's Medical Manufacturer Suggested Cleaning Guidelines for Hospital and Clinical Environments**

**Disclaimer:** The manufacturer's "Suggested Guidelines" are suggestions based on the current instructions provided with Dr. Brown's® products. These guidelines are intended to be used for supporting individual hospital/clinical cleaning requirements and/or infection control policies and protocols

### **Hospital/Clinical:**

This bottle system is not a disposable system. Recommendations for cleaning and sanitization are based on clinical best practices for reusable products.<sup>1</sup>

### **Cleaning Instructions:**

All bottle parts are safe for use in dishwasher (top rack only), electric sterilizer, microwave sanitization, and steam-sterilization (autoclave).

### **Before First Use and After Each Use**

1. Use clean hands and clean surfaces when handling.  
**Note: In hospital/clinical setting, consider wearing protective gloves.**
2. Disassemble and wash all parts with soap and water, rinse well, and air dry.
3. Use **Dr. Brown's® Non-Metal Bottle Brush** or **AccuBrush™** soft bristles to eliminate debris from the interior of the Dr. Brown's bottle/vessel and collar (or comparable process).
4. Use a Dr. Brown's **Wire Cleaning Brush** to thoroughly clean the internal vent system (i.e., insert and reservoir) and Infant-Paced Feeding Valve (blue one-way valve).  
**WARNING: Do not use wire brushes to clean the nipples/teats, as this will cause the nipple/teat to tear. Recommended hospital use is to replace the wire cleaning brush every 24 hours.**
5. Use the chevron tip at the bottom of either nonmetal bottle brush to eliminate debris inside the tip of the nipple/teat and ensure the nipple hole is clean and open.
6. Prior to use and after each cleaning, pull on nipple/teat in all directions to make sure it does not tear. Replace the nipple/teat if the integrity is compromised.



**Sanitization - Individual infant use:**

- After washing all parts, consider sanitizing the Dr. Brown's bottle system (disassembled), nonmetal brushes, Infant-Paced Feeding Valve, and one-piece silicone pacifiers before first use and at least once every 24 hours using Dr. Brown's Microwave Steam Sanitizing Bag-(or comparable process).

**Letter of validation is available if required – [Letter to support Microwaveable Steam Sanitizing Bags](#)**

**WARNING: Do not microwave wire cleaning brush. Follow instructions printed on the bag and observe the “WARNING/SAFETY NOTE” to avoid injury.**

**Sterilization - Multiple infant use:**

Steam Sterilization (Autoclaving) – All Dr. Brown's bottle systems, nipples and Infant-Paced Valves have been tested up to 30 cycles of autoclaving.

**Letter of validation is available if required - [Letter to support Steam Sterilization - Autoclave](#)**

**WARNING: The Dr. Brown's Non-Metal Bottle Brush and AccuBrush cannot be Steam Sterilized as the material for the products will not sustain the high temperature.**

**Dr. Brown's Medical Manufacturer Suggested Cleaning Guidelines for  
Dr. Brown's Cup Products**

- Prior to first use, clean cups and parts with water and soap.
- Cups and parts are top rack dishwasher safe. Microwave steam sanitization/sterilization and steam sterilization (autoclaving) may damage some components of the cup.

Instructions for specific cups: <https://www.drbrownsbaby.com/customer-support/>

**References:**

1. *Steele C, Collins E. eds. Infant and Pediatric Feedings: Guidelines for Preparation of Human Milk and Formula in Health Care Facilities. 3rd ed Chicago, IL: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; (2018). p. 1–248.*