# Point-of-Care Devices: Glucometers, Medication Pens & Prefilled Syringes

## Glucometers
- **Best practice is to use ONE glucometer per resident**
- Finger stick devices should **never** be used for more than one person

## Cleaning and Disinfection
- If glucometers must be shared, they must be properly cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- If the manufacturer’s instructions note wipe clean or use alcohol to clean, then the glucometer cannot be shared.

## Medication Pens and Prefilled Syringes
- Single patient-use pens are for single patient-use only and should **never** be used for more than one person.
  - Examples include insulin pens, glucagon-like-peptide 1 (GLP-1) and other medication cartridges/prefilled syringes.

## Hand Hygiene
- Hand hygiene should be performed before and after glove removal.
- Wear gloves during blood glucose monitoring and during any other procedure that involves potential exposure to blood or body fluids.
- Change gloves between patient contacts, after touching potentially blood-contaminated objects or finger stick wounds and before touching clean surfaces.

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