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CLEANING SCHEDULE DRUG FRIDGES

For all cleaning procedures:-

- Don disposable gloves and plastic apron, consider facial protection if splashing is anticipated
- Assemble cleaning items required: - Detergent wipes or general purpose detergent diluted in warm water (dilution instructions on side of container) and sufficient colour coded disposable cloths/paper for both washing and drying

Daily

- Check drug fridge temperature and record on temperature chart
- Observe readings for trends to ensure the fridge temperature remains within the safe zone (2°– 8°C). Report deviations to Estates and ensure action(s) completed within agreed timescale
- Temperatures should not be recorded during cleaning, stock taking and expiry checks until the fridge has returned to usual function

Monthly Clean – Drug Fridges by User Ward/Department

1. Remove all medicines from the fridge and pack into a thermal container for the duration of the clean.
2. Clean all surfaces thoroughly then dry with a disposable cloth or absorbent paper.
3. Allow the fridge temperature to return to within limits (2°C - 8°C) before replacing any of the stock.
4. When replacing stock do a stock and expiry check returning unlabeled and out of date stock to Pharmacy. To ensure drugs for Pharmacy remain cold, request a cool box from pharmacy for this purpose.
5. Sign and date cleaning schedule.
6. If fridge is not self defrosting defrost monthly.