

Protocol A cleaning procedure: most diligent group⁵:

1. Supplies needed:

- Gauze pad
- Sterile water
- Enteral syringe - 3 or 6 ml
- ENFit™ connector cleaning brush (commercial ENFit™ cleaning brush and toothbrush with firm bristles)

2. Perform hand hygiene.

3. Open the ENFit™ connector and clean the plug with a sterile gauze pad soaked in water.

4. Plug the lumen of the ENFit™ connector with a cotton tip to prevent residue from entering the tube during flushing.

5. Rinse the ENFit™ connector groove with 2-3 ml sterile water in a pulsating motion.

6. Remove the remaining water from the groove.

7. Remove the cotton from the lumen of the connector.

8. With a brush dipped in sterile water, clean the grooves and the bottom of the connector with a vigorous rotary motion for 10-15 seconds.

9. Rinse the brush in sterile water.

10. Close the connector lumen with cotton.

11. Rinse the groove with 2-3 ml sterile water in the same pulsating motion.

12. Remove the cotton from the connector lumen.

13. Replace the brush dipped in sterile water and clean with the same vigorous rotary motion.

14. If visible residues remain, repeat the operation until the residues disappear.

15. Remove excess water from the groove and plug.

16. Rinse the brush in sterile water.

17. Dry the ENFit™ connector by gently tapping with a cloth and allow to air dry.