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Performing Maintenance on the Cepheid GeneXpert Dx System

PURPOSE

Although the Cepheid GeneXpert Dx System is designed to prevent cross-contamination and ensure accurate results, routine and scheduled maintenance is an important preventative measure. This procedure describes the basic maintenance procedures and maintenance frequency for the GeneXpert Dx System.

POLICY

- This procedure, in addition to the Operator's Manual is to be followed when performing maintenance on the Cepheid GeneXpert Dx System.
- Maintenance is performed on a daily, weekly, quarterly, monthly, annually and as required basis.

EQUIPMENT, REAGENTS AND SUPPLIES

- Cepheid GeneXpert Dx System
- 10% bleach solution (*prepared daily*)
- 70% reagent alcohol
- Disposable swabs
- Lint-free wipes (*such as Wypall towels*)
- Tap water
- Disposable gloves
- Timer

PROCEDURE

Follow the instructions for basic maintenance of the Cepheid GeneXpert Dx System.

- Refer to *GeneXpert Dx System Operator Manual* for detailed and additional instructions.

Step	Action
1.	Prior to beginning any maintenance tasks, verify the instrument is not currently in use.
2.	Maintenance is documented during the month using <i>Form A: GeneXpert System Maintenance Log</i> .
3.	<p>Daily Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disinfect work surfaces / work area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Using a lint-free wipe, wipe surfaces with 10% bleach solution. ◦ Wipe over surfaces with 70% reagent alcohol. <p>NOTE: Although not part of documented daily maintenance, it is important to ensure module doors are upright when not in use and to discard used cartridges in the biohazard waste upon completion of testing.</p>
4.	<p>Weekly Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shut down software and computer first. • Shut down GeneXpert instrument second. • Let instrument sit for 2 minutes. • Turn on GeneXpert instrument. • Then, restart computer and software.
5.	<p>Monthly Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace fan filters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Instrument & computer must be turned OFF to perform this task.
6.	<p>Quarterly Maintenance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disinfect GeneXpert instrument exterior surfaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dampen a lint-free wipe with 10% bleach solution. ◦ Wipe instrument exterior surfaces thoroughly and let sit for 10 minutes. ◦ Dampen a lint-free wipe with 70% reagent alcohol and wipe over the surfaces again. Repeat this step.

- Disinfect cartridge bay interior surfaces
 - Dampen a disposable swab with 10% bleach solution.
 - Wipe interior surfaces including sides, bottom and top of cartridge bay and let sit for 10 minutes.
 - **Do not** clean back surface of cartridge bay, which is the slit on the I-CORE module.
 - Dampen a disposable swab with 70% reagent alcohol & wipe over the surfaces again. Repeat this step twice.
- Disinfect plunger rod
 - Select **Maintenance** on the toolbar of GeneXpert Dx System window.
 - Select **Clean All** on Plunger Maintenance dialog box.
 - **Do not** select Close while performing maintenance.
 - Follow the directions on the screen and click OK.
 - Dampen a lint-free wipe with 10% bleach solution and wrap wipe around plunger rod, wiping up and down.
 - Repeat this step for each plunger rod using a new wipe and let sit for 5 minutes.
 - Dampen a lint-free wipe with 70% reagent alcohol and repeat cleaning of plunger rod. Repeat this step twice.
 - Once finished, in Plunger Maintenance dialog box, select **Move Up All** and close.

7. **Annual Maintenance:**
- Calibration of the instrument
 - Check annual instrument maintenance – refer to Chapter 9 in the Operator Manual for detailed process

8. **As Required:**
- Archive runs – see *Appendix A: Archiving and Deleting Runs*
 - Delete (purge) runs – see *Appendix A: Archiving and Deleting Runs*
 - Manual backup of database to flash drive
 - *Recommended every 3 months*
 - Print a system log report

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Form A: GeneXpert System Maintenance Log
- Operating the Cepheid GeneXpert Dx System
- Performing Maintenance on the Cepheid GeneXpert Dx System – Appendix A: Archiving and Deleting Runs
- Performing an Xpress Flu Assay

REFERENCES

- Cepheid GeneXpert Operator's Manual

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[Appendix A: Archiving and Deleting Runs](#)
[Form A: GeneXpert System Maintenance Log](#)

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