

Speech Mouth Tool Cleaning Recommendation	
S	<p>Situation: Z-Vibes tool used in speech therapy is a single-patient-use product and requires cleaning between uses, according to the MIFU (Manufacturer’s Instructions for Use).</p>
B	<p>Background: <u>According to the manufacturer, after we emailed them directly:</u> To clean the Z-Vibe, wipe the handle with a disinfecting spray or wipe (such as Clorox Anywhere). The tips can then be removed and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Scrubbed with mild soap and water, or2. Put in the dishwasher (we also have these dishwasher cleaning bags available here) - be sure they’re secured and won’t fall onto the heating element at the bottom of the dishwasher; usually in the silverware container is fine, and no drying cycle, or3. The tips can also be boiled for a few minutes (just wait a few hours before using again, so that they can cool to the core not just to the touch) <p>“We always recommend that each person have his or her own Z-Vibe Tips, chew tools, or oral motor tools that are used inside the mouth. Because these tools are used intra-orally and/or chewed on, we recommend single-patient use, just like patients wouldn’t share a toothbrush for example.: ARK Therapeutic Representative</p>
A	<p>Assessment: In the current state, our clinic at OHO is using a dishwasher to clean the tools between use and reusing on multiple patients. This does not meet the single patient use process.</p>
R	<p>Recommendation: We recommend moving toward single-patient use by placing a patient identification (for example, MRN/name/initials) on the tool and continuing with the current cleaning practices in the dishwasher or to wash by hand. If washed by hand, discard sponge/brush used to clean the tool after use and ensure the tools are dried completely before placing in a baggie for safe keeping. Ensure the tool is discarded or given to the patient to take home after treatment plan is completed.</p>

***The VUMC Infection Prevention Ambulatory Team created this SBAR to provide recommendations and instructions for best practices to meet CDC, APIC, TJC, and MIFU guidelines.**

References:

Product website: https://www.arktherapeutic.com/z-vibes/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAlalQobChMIxq_kulvSiAMVYFh_AB3JJAxoEAAAYASAAEgLEZPD_BwE



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Ambulatory Infection Prevention Team Risk Score- 5 medium (see second page for scoring information)

RISK RATING KEY	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
	0 - ACCEPTABLE OK TO PROCEED	1 - ALARP (as low as reasonably practicable) TAKE MITIGATION EFFORTS	2 - GENERALLY UNACCEPTABLE SEEK SUPPORT	3 - INTOLERABLE PLACE EVENT ON HOLD
	SEVERITY			
	ACCEPTABLE	TOLERABLE	UNDESIRABLE	INTOLERABLE
	LITTLE TO NO EFFECT ON EVENT	EFFECTS ARE FELT, BUT NOT CRITICAL TO OUTCOME	SERIOUS IMPACT TO THE COURSE OF ACTION AND OUTCOME	COULD RESULT IN DISASTER
LIKELIHOOD				
IMPROBABLE RISK IS UNLIKELY TO OCCUR	LOW - 1 -	MEDIUM - 4 -	MEDIUM - 6 -	HIGH - 10 -
POSSIBLE RISK WILL LIKELY OCCUR	LOW - 2 -	MEDIUM - 5 -	HIGH - 8 -	EXTREME - 11 -
PROBABLE RISK WILL OCCUR	MEDIUM - 3 -	HIGH - 7 -	HIGH - 9 -	EXTREME - 12 -