

On March 13, 2020 President Trump declared a public health emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID – 19). The White House Coronavirus Task Force and the HHS Secretary put into action **Section 1135 of the Social Security Act** allowing for certain requirements to be waived or modified to ensure that adequate healthcare services are provided. Section 1135 gives the health care provider reimbursement and exempted use of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services for patients needing treatment in an alternate location like their HOME.

Due to decreased patient scheduling, you can continue to treat your patients in the clinic but also can now add in-home treatments for your patients if they remain symptom free. Continue to follow CDC and HHS Guidelines as we recommend.

In-Clinic Treatment

1. **Maintain proper cleaning of the 3 parts of the Vacuum Electrodes – the cup (medical silicone), the plate and the electrode.**
 - Detach the vacuum electrode from the tubes, pull out the plate, and detach the cup.
 - Use alcohol, soap/water, etc. to clean the electrodes. If you use any chemical disinfectant, make sure you rinse the electrodes off well prior to placing on the patients.
2. **Keep your sponges clean.**
 - Make sure your container holding the sponges is cleaned each day using antibacterial, non-scented soap (Dawn makes one), or a soap with few chemical ingredients as possible.
 - Use soap and water to lightly soap up the sponges and rinse thoroughly.
 - Let them dry overnight.
 - **Do not** clean or sterilize the sponges with peroxide, bleach, alcohol or any other chemical since it may potentially be driven into the patient's skin and breaks down the sponges.
3. **Wipe down with entire device thoroughly with an alcohol wipe/antibacterial product.**

In-Home Treatment

4. **Transport the neoGEN-Series® device safely for in-home treatment.**
 - Take 2, 5-way cables with pin leads and enough adhesive electrodes needed for as many in-home patient treatments you have scheduled. (Not using the VasoPulse with the cup electrodes and sponges is the least expensive/most convenient way to treat in-home patients and ensure safe health precautions.)
 - Pack your neoGEN device in a secure box or travel bag. The weight is ~5 pounds and should be easy to safely transport.
 - Once in the patient's home, set up the device on a small side table/bedside table convenient to the patient, prepare and attach the adhesive electrodes to the patient, and begin treatment.
 - After each treatment, continue with proper cleaning procedures between patients as described above.