

# HOME LAUNDERING OF PATIENT CLOTHING

## Used Clothing

Wearing the protective gloves provided or household rubber gloves, place clothing directly from the plastic bag into the empty washing machine.

DO NOT mix with other articles of home laundry.

Wash garments at the highest temperature that will not adversely affect the fabric. Fabric conditioning rinses may be used as normal.

## Contaminated Clothing

If the garments have been contaminated with bodily fluids, again wearing the gloves provided, tip the clothing directly from the bag into the washing machine. Alternatively, if the clothing has been placed into a Patients Soluble Seam Laundry Bag, follow the instructions on the bag.

If there is a pre-wash setting on the machine, wash the garments on this programme prior to a normal wash cycle. Wash garments at the highest temperature that will not affect the fabric. Fabric conditioners may be used as normal.

## Hand Washing

Always wash hands thoroughly after handling soiled linen and after removal of rubber gloves.

## Drying of Clothing

If the fabric can withstand warm tumble-drying this will assist the infection control process.

## Ironing

If the garment fabric will withstand hot ironing this will also assist the infection control process.