

Protecting your PowerMic from COVID-19 contamination

Healthcare organizations are serving an overwhelming number of COVID-19 patients and working to prevent the spread of the disease. The Nuance PowerMic, used for dictation and chart navigation when creating patient documentation with Dragon Medical One, is vulnerable to harboring the virus and difficult to properly clean without risking damage. To better protect the PowerMic from contaminants during daily use and decrease the risk of transference between users, organizations can repurpose the following common materials as PowerMic covers to ease cleaning.

1. **Ultrasound probe covers.**
2. **Examination gloves** (preferably large or extra-large) and **tape.** Tie glove fingers behind the PowerMic for a better fit and to decrease the spread of contaminants to a larger surface area.

With either covering, dictation accuracy is excellent, the mic on/off visual cue (red light) is visible, and the button configuration is still detectable by touch, though button visibility is better with ultrasound probe covers. Both options protect the device during multiple cleanings with hospital-approved products.

The images below show a PowerMic III protected with a medium-sized nitrile exam glove and patient compliant tape.

