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The present invention provides methods and compositions for cleaning and disinfecting contact lenses, which compositions comprise a carbonate or bicarbonate salt, a non–carbonate buffer system, an antimicrobial agent, and a non–ionic surfactant. Products according to the present invention, especially multi–purpose solutions, provide simultaneous disinfection and cleaning of contact lenses including the prevention or removal of protein and lipid deposits and other debris.