

HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

CLEANING OF NON-CRITICAL, REUSABLE PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT

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DEFINITIONS

Cleaning – The physical removal of foreign material, e.g. dust, oil, organic material such as blood, secretions, excretions and micro-organisms. Cleaning reduces or eliminates the reservoirs of potential pathogenic organisms. It is accomplished with water, detergents and mechanical action.

Disinfection – The inactivation of disease producing organisms. Disinfection does not destroy high levels of bacterial spores. Disinfectants are used on inanimate objects. Disinfection usually involves chemicals, heat or ultraviolet light. Levels of chemical disinfection vary with the type of product used.

Non-Critical Equipment – Those items that either touch only intact skin but not mucous membranes or do not directly touch the patient. Examples of noncritical patient-care items are bedpans, blood pressure cuffs, crutches and computers

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – Equipment to be worn if hazardous situations cannot be engineered out or controlled by other methods. PPE will either prevent or reduce the severity of an injury should an accident occur. PPE can include, but is not limited to: Safety Goggles, Safety Shoes, Respirators, Gloves,

Reprocessing: to prepare a used medical device for reuse. Reprocessing includes the collection and transportation of soiled devices, cleaning, inspection, disinfection, sterilization, packaging, clean transportation and storage of clean and disinfected/sterilized devices.

Reusable Equipment – A device designed and tested by the manufacturer, that is suitable for reprocessing prior to use on a patient/resident/client.

Routine Practices – A set of infection prevention control precautions and practices used for all direct care, regardless of the patient's presumed infection status or diagnosis.

SCOPE:

Cleaning is a shared responsibility between the Nursing and Housekeeping departments.

PURPOSE:

To establish a process for the cleaning of non-critical, reusable patient care equipment.

POLICY:

1. All equipment must be cleaned immediately if visibly soiled and immediately after use on patients with contact precautions.
2. Patient care equipment should be dedicated to the use of a single patient and cleaned, disinfected and/or reprocessed before reuse with another patient or before placed in storage.
3. Items routinely shared, which cannot be cleaned between uses, will follow a regular schedule for cleaning and disinfection.
4. Disposable patient care equipment and supplies shall be immediately discarded after use.

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5. Cleaning and maintenance processes will follow manufacturer's recommendations.
6. All health care workers must exercise routine practices (i.e. hand hygiene) and wear the required PPE appropriate for the task.
7. Any damaged equipment must be reported to the department manager for decision regarding replacement or the ability to clean.
8. The application of tape on patient care equipment should be discouraged.
9. Special, additional cleaning may be required in an outbreak situation. Procedures will be determined in consultation with the Infection Preventionist.
10. All horizontal and frequently touched surfaces shall be cleaned daily and immediately when soiled.
11. The Housekeeping Manager and the Infection Preventionist must approve all products used for the stages of cleaning/disinfection process.

If a patient has C. difficile infection, reusable patient care items should be cleaned using a bleach containing disinfectant/cleanser obtained from housekeeping

STEPS IN CLEANING;

- I. Follow device manufacture's recommendations for cleaning and maintaining medical equipment.
- II. In the absence of recommendations, clean non-critical medical equipment surfaces with a mild detergent followed by cleaning with a disinfectant.
 1. All applicable label instructions on EPA-registered products to be followed (e.g., use-dilution, shelf life, storage, material compatibility, safe use, and disposal). Follow product recommendations for disinfectants (Time disinfectant needs to remain wet on the equipment to achieve disinfection)
 2. Use protective equipment such as gloves, goggles and gowns as needed.
 3. Allow equipment to AIR dry before using.
 4. Monitors and LCD screens should not be cleaned with a disinfectant. They can be dusted
 5. Glucometers must be cleaned between each patient or before going into storage

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- III. When using hospital approved wipes:
- a. Use a separate wipe for each separate surface & discard.
 - b. Clean any visibly dirty surfaces first and then disinfect all surfaces.
 - c. Allow surfaces to air dry
 - d. **Note** – to avoid cross contamination NEVER reuse a wipe on a second piece of equipment

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT CLEANING

Cleaning is a shared responsibility.

List of Items	Cleaning Procedure	Person Responsible	Frequency of Cleaning	Comments
Bedside privacy curtains	Launder	EVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per scheduled maintenance Cycle cleaning isolation rooms 	
Bedside Monitors Monitor Housing Module Housing	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After each patient Immediately if visibly soiled Before sending for repairs 	Any probes, cables or Any probes, cables or cuffs that are found to be broken, or have cracked insulation should be removed from use and sent for repair..
Bladder Scanner	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	After each patient.	
Blood Glucose Meters	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	After each patient.	
Cables- ECG/Monitor	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After each patient Immediately if visibly soiled Before sending for repairs 	
Carpets	Vacuum	EVS	Daily	
Commodes	Hospital Approved Cleaner	Nursing EVS	After patient use When visibly soiled/ discharge	Commodes should be patient dedicated. Nursing to empty contents and EVS to clean/sanitize commode.
Computer – Patient Unit (Monitor, Mouse, CPU)	Hospital Approved Wipes	User	When visibly soiled	
Computer – Office (Monitor, Mouse, CPU, Keyboard)		User	Daily	
COWS (Computers on Wheels)		User	Daily	
		EVS	Dust base weekly	

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Crash Carts	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dusted as needed After each use 	Crash carts wiped down prior to being moved off floor for restocking.
Defibrillator / Monitors	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After each patient Immediately if visibly soiled Before sending for repairs 	Any probes, cables or cuffs that are found to be broken, or have cracked insulation should be removed from use and sent for repair.
Electronic Thermometers	Hospital Approved Wipes	User	Between patient use	
Floors	Hospital Approved Cleaner	EVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per protocol As needed 	
Halter monitors	Hospital Approved Bleach Wipes	Monitor Tech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After each patient Immediately if visibly soiled Before sending for repairs 	
Isolation Carts	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After each patient Immediately if visibly soiled 	
Mattresses	Hospital Approved Cleaner	EVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per protocol As needed 	
Mechanical Lift Machine	Hospital Approved Wipes	User	After use.	Store cleaned item in designated area
Medication Drawers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Nursing Units In Pharmacy 	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When visibly soiled When visibly soiled 	
Over bed light		EVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When visibly soiled Upon Discharge 	

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Patient Unit Printers, Fax & Photocopier Office Printers, Fax, Photocopiers	Hospital Approved Wipes	Unit Secretaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly When visibly soiled/dusty 	
Portable Blood Pressure Machines B.P. Cuffs	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	After patient use.	Cuffs that are found to be broken, or cracked should be removed from use and sent for repair or replaced.
Pumps/IV Poles	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nurse-daily wipe down pump face. EVS-upon discharge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When treatment discontinues. After each patient use. Immediately , if visibly soiled 	Upon discharge: nursing needs to remove IV tubing and bags. ECS cleans and bags pumps.
RRT Dash (Rapid Response Cart)	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing EVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After use When visibly soiled Dust cart base Weekly 	
Signage: • Isolation	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing	Between patient use.	
Specialty Beds	Hospital Approved Cleanser	EVS	Discharge cleaning	
Stethoscopes	Hospital Approved Wipes	User	After each patient use	Dedicated stethoscopes should be used for patients in isolation precautions and discarded.
Stretchers	Hospital Approved Wipes	User	After patient use	
Tables	Hospital Approved Wipes	Nursing EVS	If visibly soiled Discharge cleaning	
Televisions-patient rooms	Dusting	EVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When visibly soiled Upon discharge 	
SLIPPS/ Transfer Board	Hospital Approved Wipes	User	Between patients.	When SLIPP becomes visibly soiled please send to EVS- NOT laundry.

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Ventilators	Hospital Approved Wipes	RT	After each patient use.	
Visitor Chairs	Hospital Approved Cleaner	EVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When visibly soiled • EVS-routine cleaning 	
Walkers	Hospital Approved Wipes	Physical Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When visibly soiled • After patient use. 	
Window Blinds	Dusting	EVS	As scheduled.	