

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES
TOY CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE**

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SCOPE

All healthcare providers

PURPOSE

To institute a mechanism to assure all toys are clean and safe for use in the hospital.

POLICY

I. Toys in playrooms or general areas should be cleaned, minimally, when visibly soiled and once a week and noted in the toy cleaning log.

II. Toys should be cleaned always between patients.

III. Plush toys cannot be shared by patients and must be individually owned.

PROCEDURE

I. Toys will be cleaned using the hospital approved germicidal disposable wipes.

II. Personnel should wear disposable protective gloves when using germicidal disposable wipes.

III. Cleaning is a two- step process:

IV. Cleaning Procedure: Remove germicidal disposable wipe and clean entire surface of toy.

V. Disinfecting: Remove a second clean germicidal wipe and thoroughly wet toy surface. Treated surface must remain visibly wet for the time recommended by the manufacturer's instructions. Use additional clothes to ensure product contact time is two minutes. Then allow to air dry. For small toys that can be mouthed, clean using above directions, allow to air dry and then rinse with water.

VI. Large plastic toys, including playhouses / climbers / wagons and playroom surfaces that are frequently touched should be cleaned daily using the hospital approved and germicidal disposable wipes allowed to air-dry. If toy not used, a weekly cleaning should be completed and logged.

VII. Toys will be inspected for safety (Sharp edges, broken parts, etc.) and discarded if deemed unsafe for patient use.

VIII. Toys that are shared between rooms (e.g. Computer Game systems, plastic wagons, strollers, high chairs) need to be cleaned/ disinfected, between patients using the hospital approved germicidal disposable wipes and allowed to air-dry before patient use.

REFERENCES:

PDI- FAQ's: <http://www.pdipdi.com/healthcare/faq.aspx> APIC Text: Chapter 39:Pediatrics :
<http://text.apic.org/item-40/chapter-39-pediatrics/basic-principles>

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