

**HACKETTSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROCEDURE MANUAL
CLEANING PROCEDURES FOR THERAPY CENTER EQUIPMENT**

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POLICY

All therapy equipment used by patients will be cleaned thoroughly after use and at regular intervals consistent with hospital infection control guidelines. It is the responsibility of all staff to follow cleaning procedures and cleaning supplies will be readily available in treatment areas.

PROCEDURE

1. **Mat Tables** - All mat tables are cleaned thoroughly with hospital-approved germicide. All linens are changed after each use.
2. **Other Tables/Carts, Chairs** – All treatment tables, chairs and carts with equipment are cleaned with hospital-approved germicide with each use or at least weekly by aides.
3. **Ultrasound** - The head of the ultrasound equipment is cleaned with alcohol wipes or hospital-approved germicide after each patient use.
4. **Stairs** - Dusted and cleaned with each patient use or at least weekly with germicide.
5. **Walkers, Wheelchairs, etc.** – Cleaned with each use by patient with hospital-approved germicide.
6. **Electrical Stimulator** – Electrodes are single-patient use and disposable. Machine is cleaned with each patient use with hospital-approved germicide.
7. **TENS** - Electrodes are single-patient use and disposable. The unit is wiped with hospital approved germicide after each use.
8. **Exercise/Therapy Equipment (including weights)** – Cleaned after each patient use with hospital-approved germicide.
9. **ADL Equipment** – Cleaned after each patient use with alcohol or hospital-approved germicide.
10. **Evaluation Equipment/Tools** – Cleaned after each patient use with hospital approved germicide.

Staff using hospital approved germicide should handle with gloves when cleaning as this is a skin irritant.

Additionally, cleaning wipes that are not skin irritating are provided in containers at several locations for client use as desired.