



INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL

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PURPOSE:

To thoroughly disinfect equipment used by isolation patients in an effort to prevent the spread of infection.

POLICY:

All members of the nursing and therapy staffs will thoroughly disinfect equipment, as necessary, after use by the isolated patient.

EQUIPMENT:

Hospital approved germicidal solution or disinfectant wipes

PROCEDURE:

IV POLES, TUBE FEEDING PUMPS:

Wipe down as needed with a hospital approved germicidal disinfectant or disinfectant wipe.

THERMOMETERS:

Individual digital thermometers are used for certain patients placed on isolation. Electronic thermometers used on non-isolated patients should be cleaned with a disinfectant wipe between use if any part of them has come into contact with the patient or their environment.

BLOOD PRESSURE CUFFS:

Blood pressure apparatus and stethoscope must be wiped down with a disinfectant once Isolation is discontinued and before being reused on another patient. Reusable blood pressure cuffs are **NOT** to be used on patients on Contact Precautions, (i.e., VRE, C. diff).

THERAPY EQUIPMENT:

All therapy equipment (mats, balls, etc.) are to be cleaned with a hospital-approved disinfectant after each patient use.

Note: Manufacturer's instructions for disinfectant products must be followed, including observation of the appropriate contact time.

REFERENCES:

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