



INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL

Subject	Guidelines for Cleaning Toys, Strollers, Playpens, Swings, and Exersaucers
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PURPOSE:

To define guidelines regarding the cleaning of reusable toys and equipment to prevent / minimize the transmission of infection.

POLICY:

It is the policy of this facility that all employees will adhere to these guidelines for the cleaning of pediatric toys and equipment.

EQUIPMENT:

Gloves

Soap and water

EPA approved disinfectant or wipe as indicated

SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITY:

All employees will follow these guidelines after using toys or equipment with patients.

PROCEDURE:

1. All employees using toys with pediatric patients will be responsible for manually cleaning the toys after each use.
2. Wearing gloves, use disinfectant wipes to clean toys; allow toys to air dry and then rinse with potable water.
3. Toys that are highly soiled, damaged, or not fit for play should be discarded.
4. Toys in the Play Room will not be removed at any time. The therapist will clean all equipment and toys after each use.
5. Patient's toys may be removed from the patient's room. They are to remain with that patient and returned to the room with the appropriate patient. They are cleaned as needed.
 - a. **Note:** Patients on isolation may not bring toys out of their rooms. Upon discharge, patients on isolation will have non-porous toys cleaned with a hospital approved disinfectant. All other toys that cannot be cleaned in this manner will be either discarded or given to the patient.

6. Cloth toys and/or stuffed animals are restricted to individual patient use and are not to be shared among patients.
7. Playpens, highchairs, etc. are cleaned after each patient use and upon discharge with an EPA approved disinfectant as indicated below.
 - a. Used stroller, playpens, swings and exersaucers are to be stored in the Soiled Utility Room. Written on the label should be the word “Dirty”, the patient’s name and room number and date of discharge.
 - b. Plastic or non-porous materials will be cleaned with an EPA disinfectant or wipe.
 - c. Cloth items are washed in the washer.
 - d. All clean equipment will have tags affixed to them, and the date cleaned. Cleaned items will be kept in a clean storage area.
 - e. Upon distribution of a piece of equipment to a specific patient, the name of the patient is written on the tag. The equipment that is commonly used between patients is to be dated after each cleaning.

REFERENCE:

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