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PROCEDURE SUBJECT:

Carbolizing of Beds and Stretchers

PURPOSE:

To provide a clean environment for clients/residents.

To enhance the visual appearance of the environment and to prevent cross contamination.

PROCEDURE:

Clean bed/stretchers

1. Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) according to Safety Data Sheet (SDS).
2. Prepare equipment.
3. Perform hand hygiene and put on gloves.
4. Use a recommended disinfectant solution diluted as per manufacture's instruction. Ensure sufficient contact time with disinfectant when cleaning items.
5. Unplug bed/stretchers if needed and move away from the wall.
6. Clean the pillows.
7. Place the pillows on a clean surface.
8. Raise the head and foot of the bed/stretchers.
9. Wipe the headboard, cleaning both the front and back.
10. Wipe the top and edges of the mattress or stretchers.
11. Pull the mattress away from the headboard, bending it in half, wiping the underside of the mattress and bed pan.
12. Pull the mattress away from the foot board, bending it in half, wiping the underside of the mattress and bed pan.
13. Raise the hand rails on both sides of the bed and wipe.
14. Raise the head and foot of the bed, start wiping the exposed bed pan and all lower surfaces at the head of the bed and continue with the exposed bed pan and surface at the foot of the bed.

15. Wash the foot board, wiping both the front and the back. Remove the foot board to expose and clean all debris in this area.
16. Continue with wiping the frame, cross members and wheels on both sides of the bed.
17. Lower the head and foot of the bed.
18. Reposition the bed to its original spot.
19. Lock the brakes on the wheels.
20. Wipe the call button and cord with a clean cloth or a clean side of the cloth, if it is not a part of the bed rail.
21. Rinse the mattress using a clean cloth saturated with cold clear water. *The mattress needs to be rinsed with clear water to remove the disinfectant cleaning solution. The disinfectant cleaning solution will destroy the mattress over time if not rinsed.
22. Raise the side rails on one side of the bed.
23. Tip the mattress against the side rails so the bed and mattress can dry quickly. This also indicates to nursing that the carbolizing has been completed.