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**PROCEDURE SUBJECT:**

Cleaning Frequency of Acute and Long Term Beds

**PURPOSE:**

To provide a clean environment for clients/residents.  
 To enhance the visual appearance of the environment and to prevent cross contamination.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Long Term Beds need to be cleaned as per Carbolizing of Beds and Stretchers - ORG.1910.PR.039. All Acute and Long Term beds need to be cleaned with a disinfectant cleaning solution and the mattress rinsed with clear water after appropriate length of disinfection time required per manufacturer’s direction.
2. Long Term Bed mattresses should be cleaned on a routine, regular schedule making adjustments for incontinent clients/residents and clients/residents who are less compliant with routine hand hygiene. Long Term Beds need to be cleaned no less than two times a year.
3. Housekeeping and Nursing staff have a shared responsibility to ensure the cleanliness of client/resident beds.

\*The disinfectant cleaning solution will damage the mattress over time if not rinsed.

**REFERENCES:**

Carbolizing of Beds and Stretchers – ORG.1910.PR.039