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PROCEDURE SUBJECT:

Separation of Clean and Soiled Equipment/Laundry Areas

PURPOSE:

In keeping with infection control guidelines a physical barrier must be maintained between soiled items/areas or equipment and clean items/areas.

<p><u>PROCEDURE:</u> <u>Dirty areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designate an area to store soiled laundry. • All areas where soiled laundry is stored or sorted are considered dirty areas. • Loading areas of the washers are also considered 'Dirty' areas. • Clean linen or equipment must not be stored or placed in the designated Dirty areas of the Department • Promptly remove wet clean linen from the area after unloading the washers • Hand hygiene must be performed after removing gloves and leaving the designated 'Dirty' area of the department • If a physical barrier is unavailable to separate clean/dirty areas, space between the two areas may be used as a separation. 	<p><u>TEACHING POINTS:</u></p> <p>Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn when working in 'Dirty' areas of the department</p> <p>Do not leave clean linen or clean linen carts/equipment in front of washers or in contact with dirty equipment or soiled laundry</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If space is used to separate dirty and clean areas it must be clearly marked.• PPE used in the dirty area must be removed before exiting the 'Dirty' area of the department.• Clean linen must not be transported through a dirty area.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Exception</u>: unloading clean laundry from the washer.	<p>Clean laundry unloaded from the washer should not remain on the wash floor area. The clean laundry must be transported immediately to the clean side of the department to await drying</p>
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