|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Infection Prevention and Control Policy and Procedure** | **Subject: *Cleaning and Disinfection of Non-Critical Resident Care Equipment*** |
| **Approved By:**  |  |
| **Effective:** 5/25/2023 | **Reviewed/Revised:**  |

**POLICY**

It is the policy of this facility to ensure that resident care equipment, including reusable items and durable medical equipment will be cleaned and disinfected according to current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for disinfection and the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Non-critical items** (e.g. blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, bed rails, IV poles, commodes, wheelchairs) are those that may come into contact with non-intact skin but not mucous membranes and should undergo low or intermediate-level disinfection.

**Reusable items** are cleaned and disinfected or sterilized between residents (e.g. stethoscopes, durable medical equipment).

**Single resident-use items** are cleaned/disinfected between uses by a single resident and disposed of afterwards (e.g. bedpans, urinals).

**Single-use items** are disposed of after a single use (e.g. thermometer probe covers)

**PROCEDURE**

1. Shared equipment, including transport equipment, will be cleaned and disinfected after use by each patient/resident and as needed.
2. Reusable resident care equipment will be decontaminated and/or sterilized between residents according to manufacturers’ instructions (e.g. recommended use-dilution, storage, safe use and disposal).
	* Refer to Policy and Procedure from ophthalmology, dental and podiatry consulting companies for specific details for cleaning and disinfection of respective equipment.
3. Only equipment that is designated reusable will be used by more than one resident.
4. Single use items will be discarded after a single use. Label with the resident’s and/or room number and discard upon transfer or discharge.
5. Discard resident care items when damaged or grossly soiled.
6. Facility will utilize EPA-registered products for disinfection when indicated.

**Reference(s)**:

CDC (10/2018). Guide to Infection Prevention for Outpatient Podiatry Settings. <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/Podiatry-Guide_508.pdf>

CDC (5/24/2019). Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008. <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/disinfection/index.html>

CDC (5/4/2023). Appendix B2 – Cleaning Procedure Summaries for Specialized Patient areas. [Appendix B2 Specialized Patient Areas | Environmental Cleaning in Global Healthcare Settings| HAI | CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/resource-limited/special-areas.html#anchor_1585594301230)