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Title: **CSS - Cleaning of Mobile Medical Equipment Protocol**

Applies to: Environmental Aides at HHS

1.0 Purpose & Goals Description

To outline the procedure for cleaning mobile medical equipment.

2.0 Equipment/Supplies

- Disposable procedure gloves
- Hospital grade disinfectant wipes
- Electronic wipes for monitors
- Painters tape "I am clean" tape/sticker
- Waterproof pen or marker
- PPE as required by hospital/departmental procedure
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2.1 Preparation

2.1.1 Environmental Aides are to:

1. Wear appropriate personal protection equipment.
2. Stock their housekeeping cart with the required equipment and supplies
3. Dispense required hospital grade disinfectant wipes

3.0 Policy

All Customer Support Service staff are expected to follow this procedure in order to ensure cleanliness of mobile medical equipment.

4.0 Procedure

Mobile Patient Care equipment includes equipment used in patient care that is on wheels. It includes, but is not limited to, such items as: wheeled sphygmomanometers (BP cuffs), IV poles, suction/infusion pumps, commodes, glucometers, dedicated unit wheelchairs/stretchers, portable TV/VCR stands and weigh scales.

4.1 Disinfection of Equipment

Environmental Aide Responsibilities

4.1.1 Mobile equipment is to be cleaned as part of the daily patient room clean, upon discharge or as requested by unit. All equipment outside of patient rooms (e.g., in utility rooms, storage areas, hallways) is to be cleaned weekly, on the day designated by Leaders at that site. Equipment cleaned as part of this weekly clean is to be identified as clean with a signed, dated strip of "I am clean" tape/sticker. Exception: Where a wheelchair has a plastic pouch and card affixed, the card is to be initialed and dated by the employee to identify the date it was last cleaned. Equipment being returned to service following prolonged off-unit storage is to be cleaned before being returned to service and is to be identified as clean using one of the above methods.

4.1.2 Inspect equipment and remove any body fluids with a micro fibre cloth dampened in the hospital grade disinfectant solution. Wipe the equipment using disinfectant wipe. On wheelchairs, do not use chemical to wipe down the surface of the wheel itself, as this can cause premature breakdown of the wheels. A cloth with plain water should be used to remove dirt from the wheels.

4.1.3 In patient rooms, look for infection control Additional Precautions signs that indicate the need for appropriate personal protective equipment and other requirements when entering room/handling equipment.

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- 4.1.4 Be sure to use friction when cleaning.
- 4.1.5 For stubborn stains, use an abrasive pad with cleaner.
- 4.1.6 Use the bud vase brush to clean hard to reach areas/crevices on the equipment.
- 4.1.7 Be careful around display screens and other sensitive parts of clinical equipment. Ask clinical staff/your CSS Leader if unsure about proper cleaning techniques for unfamiliar equipment.
- 4.1.8 Be sure all soil has been removed and the cleaning solution has had contact with all surfaces, including the bottom.
- 4.1.9 Allow equipment to air dry.
- 4.1.10 Wipe up any spills on the floor.
- 4.1.11 Inspect equipment as you clean. If it is not operating properly (e.g., wheels not moving freely) ask the Business Clerk to put in a work order.
- 4.1.12 Apply "I am clean" tape/sticker(if indicated)—date the tape and sign your initials

4.2 Clean-up

- 4.2.1 Discard hospital grade disinfectant wipes. Bag all soiled micro fiber cleaning cloths for daily laundering and dispose in soiled linen hamper.
- 4.2.2 Clean all equipment and return it to the proper place.
- 4.2.3 Restock all cleaning supplies.
- 4.2.4 Remove your personal protective equipment and dispose in trash/soiled linen hamper.
- 4.2.5 Wash your hands.

4.3 Safety

Follow the safety precautions explained in each procedure step.

5.0 Documentation

As directed by CSS Leaders

6.0 Cross References

Environmental Aide Handbook
Routine Practice Protocol
Additional Precautions Protocol
Hand Hygiene Protocol

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