

Cleaning of Patient Rooms identified with “*Clostridium difficile*”

Before Cleaning

Clostridium difficile (*C.diff.*) rooms will be identified by the nursing unit and isolation precautions will be exercised during the cleaning process.

- Personal Protective Equipment will be worn according to the instructions on the Isolation “Stop Sign.”
- Enteric Contact isolation sign indicates the need for specialized cleaning for *C. diff* cleaning.
- Use the standard cart set up.
- Routine isolation daily cleaning will be implemented using the prescribed low level disinfectant.
- Discharge cleaning will be performed using a 1/10 dilution of Sodium Hypochlorite (bleach). Gross soiling will be cleaned with all purpose cleaner or a quaternary ammonium solution before being disinfected with the Sodium Hypochlorite solution.
- Weekly terminal cleaning will be performed as above with bleach on designated units only.
- The Sodium Hypochlorite disinfectant will be prepared DAILY by the ES Manager or Lead worker in the Environmental Service Supply area. NO bleach solution will be prepared in the patient area.
- Caution must be exercised when using Sodium Hypochlorite. Chlorine bleach has high levels of corrosivity (corrosive to common metal), deactivation, and reactivity (reacts with and destroys many common surfaces, i.e. clothing, carpeting, metals, and floor finishes).
- Use low level disinfectant to mop the floor.

Weekly Terminal Cleaning

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Use the standard cart set up.

PROCEDURE

1. Acquire sodium hypochlorite disinfectant solution.
2. Knock on the door and announce yourself before entering. **NOTE: Keep the door closed as much as possible and minimize entry/reentry.**
3. Use both hands to pull the liners from the waste receptacles keeping the liners away from body to prevent injury.
4. Insert new liners.
5. Remove soiled liners.
6. Check needle receptacles.
7. Damp wipe everything above shoulder level: ceiling, vents, lights, walls, and blinds.
REMINDER: Never damp wipe above people.
8. Wring out a cloth in the Sodium Hypochlorite solution to damp wipe all surfaces that can be reached, starting with the door and working around the room in a circular pattern.
9. Damp wipe waste receptacles, overbed table, telephone (**NOTE: Pay special attention to wiping the ear and mouthpiece of the telephone**), bedside table, headboard, bedrails, footboards, commodes, window sill and frame, and walls. Particular attention must be paid to wiping light switches, door knobs, arms of chairs, and ALL contact points.
10. Clean the restroom using Restroom Cleaning Procedures substituting the Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for germicidal solution.
11. Wipe all cleaning equipment with the Sodium Hypochlorite Solution and return the equipment to the cleaning cart.
12. Place a *Wet Floor* sign at the entrance to the room.
13. Wring out a mop in a bucket of germicidal solution and begin mopping the floor in the far corner of the room and work back toward the entrance. **REMINDER – Thoroughly mop out corners to prevent build up.**
14. Mop the Restroom floor.
15. Leave the *Wet Floor* sign in place until floor is dry.

FOLLOW THESE RULES: RULE 1 - Change mop water and mop after every isolation room.

RULE 2 - Use a new cleaning cloth for each room.

16. Inspect the room..

Discharge Cleaning

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Use the standard cart set up.

PROCEDURE

1. Follow the procedures for the Weekly Terminal Cleaning through the damp wiping of all furniture, walls, and all horizontal surfaces except the bed. Use appropriately diluted Sodium Hypochlorite solution for all damp wiping.
2. Damp wipe the pillow.
3. Raise the head and foot of the bed.
4. Working on one side of the bed, damp wipe one-half of the headboard (front and back).
5. Damp wipe half the mattress.
6. Damp wipe the bedframe and the bedrails on the side you are on.
7. Damp wipe the footboard, working to the other side of the bed.
8. Repeat steps 2, 3, and 4.
9. Return the mattress to its normal position.
10. Damp wipe the entire light panel behind the bed.
11. Clean any stains or marks on the wall behind the bed. Follow with a disinfectant wipe.
12. Damp wipe the casters on the bed and the overbed table.
13. Place the overbed table in its proper position at the foot of the bed.
14. Remove all contents from the drawers of the bedside stand. Give all items to Nursing.
15. Damp wipe the telephone receiver and base paying special attention to wiping the ear and mouthpiece of the telephone.
17. Damp wipe the top, sides, and inside of the bedstand.
18. Remove one drawer from the bedstand and check for spillage on the inside of the unit.
19. Remove the drawers and clean as necessary.
20. Damp wipe the front of the unit including the handles.
21. Damp wipe the shelves and closet.
22. Damp wipe all trash receptacles.
23. Clean the restroom. (See Restroom Cleaning Procedure). Substitute the Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for germicidal disinfectant.
24. Place a *Wet Floor* sign at the entrance of the room.
25. Damp mop the floor with germicidal solution.
26. Leave the *Wet Floor* sign in the doorway until the floor is dry.
27. Clean all equipment and place all cleaning materials and equipment on the cart.
28. Thoroughly wash your hands.
29. Get clean linen from the linen closet.
30. Make the bed, if required.
31. Inspect the room.
 - a. Report any needed repairs.
 - b. Correct any deficiencies.