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Patient care: Discharge Isolation Cleaning

Policy: To keep the isolation areas within the facility free of dirt and dust, and to ensure a clean safe environment.

Procedure: Required clothing for isolation areas may include the following:

- X long sleeved gown
 - X mask
 - X vinyl rubber gloves
 - X surgical cap
 - X booties
1. Wash hands carefully.
 2. Put on protective clothing as required by Infection Control.
 3. Prepare quat-stat solution (both mop bucket and small 5-quart bucket).
 4. Place flat mop system inside room.
 5. Carry other supplies into room.
 6. Strip the bed. Gather and bag all dirty linen.
 7. Empty all waste/linen receptacles. Check room for miscellaneous debris and trash.
 8. Dispose of any trash.
 9. Using safety ladder, take down all visibly soiled fabric drapes and cubicle curtains. Place into blue plastic liner, secure and place by door with the trash, to be sent to dry cleaners.
 10. If walls are soiled; wring out rag and begin wiping walls with a germicidal solution.
 11. Renew quat-stat solution and change cloths.
 12. Wipe the entire over bed light with a damp cloth.
 13. Wipe down window cill.
 14. If room has venetian blinds, damp dust from top to bottom ensuring that both sides of each blind are cleaned.
 15. Wipe off exterior of radiator/heater enclosure, ensure vents are clean and clear of debris.
 16. Wipe and clean the closet; both exterior and interior.
 17. Renew quat-stat solution and change cloths.

IMPORTANT - Be sure to clean ceiling vents. If the restroom has a shower, clean it before cleaning restroom walls.

18. Clean wall dispensers with a cloth wrung out in germicidal solution.
19. Renew quat-stat solution, and, with a clean cloth, wipe the top of the over bed table.
20. Wring out cloth. Wipe down pillow.
21. Wipe rear 2 of head board (both front and back).
22. Wipe both hand rails on bed.
23. Move to the over bed table and clean (inside as well as frame).
IMPORTANT - Empty and replace germicidal solution; wipe down phone and receiver.
24. Empty and replace quat-stat solution; wipe closet and dresser.
25. Clean remaining patient contact items in room; chairs, cushions, door handles, call bell, TV remote and channel changer.
26. Proceed to restroom - damp wipe walls and fixtures with cloth wrung out in germicidal solution, to include light, mirror, sink fixtures and toilet.
27. Place wet floor sign at doorway. Ask patient if there is anything else they may need, reminding them the floor is wet. Wet mop floor (including restroom) with quat stat.
28. Remove mop from handle and place mop head on floor.
29. Wring out cloth and wipe down any equipment brought into the room.
30. Place the mop and used cloths into a blue plastic liner; secure.
31. Place bowl caddy (taken from the patient's room) as well as the disposable green cloth into a red plastic can liner; secure.
32. Remove isolation clothing (inside out); place into trash.
33. Leave room; dispose of trash and remove cleaning equipment.
34. Wash hands.
35. Ensure that all soiled mops and rags go in the appropriate soiled mop bin for proper cleaning and disinfecting.
36. Ensure that all cubicles and curtains that are placed in a plastic liner are brought out of the room and placed in the appropriate cubicle bin for cleaning.
37. Ask if there is anything else the patient may need. Self inspect area.

References: None Cited