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The Salvation Army Agapé Hospice will adhere to AHS Infection Prevention and Control standards for handling, cleaning, and disinfection of contaminated non-critical clinical items. Regular cleaning and proper disinfection of equipment is a key factor in reducing nosocomial infections.

DEFINITIONS

Non-Critical Items:

Are those that come in contact with intact skin (but not mucous membranes) or does not directly touch the Resident. These non-critical items may include, but **are not limited to**, blood pressure cuffs/machines, thermometers, oxygen (O²) saturation monitors, glucometers, infusion pumps, otoscopes, stethoscopes, nebulizer machines, suction machines, baby monitors, fans, wheelchairs, walkers, broda chairs, mechanical lifts, and commodes.

Contamination:

A state of having been or potentially in contact with microorganisms.

Decontamination:

The process of cleaning, followed by the inactivation of pathogenic microorganisms, to render an object safe for handling.

Non-critical items must be decontaminated at point of use.



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REQUIRED FORMS AND EQUIPMENT REFERENCES

Electronic forms location – FORMS
Hardcopy forms location – Maintenance file cabinet.

Appendix A: Equipment Cleaning/Maintenance Log
Appendix B: Agapé Non-Critical Equipment and Maintenance List

REFERENCES

Alberta Health Services. (2016). Equipment Cleaning (web).
<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page14508.aspx> [November 21, 2016]
Alberta Health Services (2013). Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Principles of Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection. October 28, 2013.



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Procedure

1. Perform hand hygiene prior to the handling of any equipment as this is the most important factor in the transmission of microorganisms.
2. Perform a PCRA (point of care risk assessment) before cleaning a resident's environment of equipment, in order to evaluate the likelihood of exposure to body fluids. Choose the appropriate PPE to minimize the risk of exposure.
3. Registered Nurses (RNs) and Resident Attendants (RAs) will follow the equipment cleaning protocol outlined in the *Deep Cleaning Log Book* in the nursing station. This deep cleaning responsibility will be scheduled by the nursing lead.
4. Registered Nurses (RNs) and Resident Attendants (RAs) providing direct hands-on care must clean and disinfect **all** equipment used for assessments and resident care. Appropriate personal protective equipment must be worn.
5. Any non-critical shared equipment must be cleaned using the current disinfectant approved in our facility:
 - a) After each use;
 - b) Before removing it from the resident room.
6. Any visible soiling should **first** be removed with soap and water, a damp cloth or disinfectant wipe prior to disinfecting. If using a disinfectant wipes to remove visible soiling, use a second wipe to disinfect.
7. Once the item has been cleaned and disinfected it may be placed in the appropriate storage area.
8. Agapé Hospice's wheelchairs, walkers, commodes and broda chairs are numbered. The cleaning and disinfection of these items **must be** recorded on the log sheet found adjacent to the maintenance office before they are placed in the designated area to be checked by maintenance.
9. Fans and/or any other equipment that has been cleaned and requires a maintenance check will be placed in this area.
10. When using equipment for a resident on isolation the equipment will be cleaned twice before reuse.



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APPENDIX B

Agape Non-Critical Equipment and Maintenance List

AED	Cleaned by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants and are stored in the workstation.
B/P Monitor	Cleaned by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants and are stored in the workstation.
Bath Tub	Cleaned by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants after each use and is maintained by Maintenance Staff and by service contract with ARJO (the supplier).
Beds and Mattresses	Cleaned after each use by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants. On-going maintenance is provided by Agapé Staff and CHG Specialists.
Bladder Scanner	Cleaned by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants and is stored in the workstation, maintained by the ECPC.
Broda Chairs	Cleaned by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants and are stored in the basement medical equipment storage area.
Commodes	Cleaned by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants and are stored in the basement medical equipment storage area.
IV Poles	Cleaned after each use by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants and are stored for next use.
PrimeAire Mattress	Cleaned and stored post death after each use by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants. On-going maintenance is provided by Agapé Staff.
Resident Lift	Cleaned by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants after each use, housed on the unit and maintained by Agape maintenance team.
Resident Slings	Visually inspected before each use and are sent to laundry after each resident's use for cleaning. Weekly Inspection sheet filled out.
Sapphire Pumps	Cleaned by RN's between each use and maintained by the ECPC.
Suction Pumps	Cleaned by RN's/RA's between each use and maintained by the maintenance team.



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- Shower Chairs** Cleaned by the RA's or RN's and maintained by the maintenance team.

- Walkers** Cleaned by Registered Nurses or Resident Attendants and by Maintenance staff as needed and are stored in the basement Medical equipment storage area.

- Wheel Chairs** Cleaned by Registered Nurses and Resident Attendants and by Maintenance staff as needed and are stored in the basement Medical equipment storage area.