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POLICY

Agapé Hospice will adhere to the Infection Prevention and Control Best Practice Guidelines set by Alberta Health Services (AHS) for the selection, cleaning and disinfection of tubs used for bathing residents.

PROCEDURE

Selection of Tubs

- New tubs purchased must be non-jetted. This includes air and water jets.
- The tub surface should be constructed of a smooth, non-porous material that will stand up to frequent cleaning and disinfection. Non-slip surfaces must allow for effective cleaning and disinfection.
- The manufacturer must provide, in writing, detailed cleaning, disinfection and preventive maintenance procedures. Recommended disinfection products must have a DIN number.
- Automatic disinfectant injector systems are preferred.

Cleaning and Disinfection of Tubs

- Cleaning and disinfection of the tub will follow the manufacturer's written instructions (see attached).

See the attached cleaning and disinfection instructions for the tub presently used at Agapé Hospice.

ATTACHMENTS

ARJO – Addendum to Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures
Controlled Bathing Temperature Record

CROSS REFERENCE

Policy #1721 - Shower Cleaning and Disinfection
Policy #0122 – Safety Procedure for Bathing Residents/Controlled Bathing Temperature



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REFERENCES

- Alberta Health Services – Infection Prevention and Control – Best Practice Guidelines – Selection, Cleaning and Disinfection of Patient Care Tubs.
- Arjo – Addendum to Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures – Considerations When Cleaning/Disinfecting Bathing Systems in the Health Care Environment.

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ARJO TUB CLEANING AND DISINFECTION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clean and disinfect the tub:
 - at the beginning of the day (record on the Controlled Temperature sheet that the morning cleaning has been completed);
 - between each resident's bath;
 - at the end of the day.

****One pseudomonas aeruginosa bacteria left in the tub after the last cleaning of the day can multiply and divide every 20 minutes resulting in over 1,024,000,000 bacteria by morning (over 10 hours). ****
2. Disinfection must remain on the surfaces for ten (10) minutes and surfaces must remain wet with the disinfectant during this time.
3. Use gloves when handling and using the disinfectant. A mask can be worn if you are susceptible to airborne irritants.
4. Using cool water when disinfecting will reduce the amount of fragrance and/or vapors released into the air.
5. Use a nylon-bristled long handled or telescopic tub brush for the manual scrubbing.
6. Do not use disinfectant in spray bottles. Automatic disinfectant injection systems or squirt bottles are recommended.
7. Clean up any disinfectant spills immediately.

STEPS FOR TUB CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

1. Rinse the tub, stretcher and gel pad with warm water.
2. Spray the tub, gel pads and the stretcher, including the safety arm and the handles, with the disinfectant.
3. Scrub the tub, stretcher including the handles and safety arm with the tub brush.
4. Set out sign indicating the tub is being cleaned/disinfected so the tub is not inadvertently used while the disinfectant is present. Set the timer on the wall for ten (10) minutes.
5. Leave the tub, stretcher and gel pads to soak for the ten (10) minutes, ensuring they stay wet with the disinfectant during that time.
6. Rinse the tub, stretcher and gel pad with warm water.
7. Place the gel pads on the indicated shelf to air dry.
8. Remove the sign.

Change the disinfectant container as needed.

