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POLICY:

The principles of good aseptic technique and universal precautions will be followed with all patients for their safety and the safety of the staff and volunteers.

PROCEDURE:

- Hand washing – Thorough hand washing with soap and water is essential in controlling the spread of infectious organisms. Soap should always be available and hand washing should occur before and after patient care, after contact with contaminated items, and when preparing or eating food.
- Gloves – Gloves provide an additional barrier, especially if the caregiver has open sores on the hands. They should also be worn if the patient has been incontinent, vomited, is bleeding and when handling soiled diapers, linen or clothing. Hands should be washed after removing gloves.
- Sharps – Needles and other sharp items contaminated with blood or body fluid should be placed in the puncture resistant containers immediately after being used.
- Disposal – Disposable items such as gloves, diapers, under pads, tissues, paper towels, and dressings should be put in plastic garbage bags, tied shut, then placed in a second garbage bag and disposed of in an appropriate manner.
- Contaminated surfaces – Floors and wood furniture shall be cleaned weekly and PRN with hot soapy water. Bathroom surfaces, counters, window shades, door knobs, etc. shall be cleaned weekly and PRN using Virox 5 solution.
- Gowns – In caring for a patient with dangerous and communicable diseases (e.g. AIDS, Hepatitis), gowns may be worn when there is a risk of the clothing being soiled with blood or body fluids. Soiled linen for these patients can be washed in hot soapy water with one cup of bleach.

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