



Care Of Gumboots Procedure

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1. Purpose

This Procedure outlines the process for the management of gumboots used by West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB) staff members.

2. Application

This Procedure is to be followed by all clinical staff throughout West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB).

3. Definitions

There are no definitions associated with this Procedure:

4. Responsibilities

For the purposes of this Procedure:

Clinical Nurse Specialist - Infection Control is required to:

- oversee all aspects of this Procedure
- monitor the performance of WCDHB staff members in relation to this Procedure;

Staff Members are required to:

- ensure they abide by the requirements of this Procedure;
- abide by all WCDHB Infection Control Policy and Procedures;
- abide by all WCDHB Health and Safety Policy and Procedure.

5. Resources Required

This Procedure requires:

- i) Gumboots
- ii) Soap and Water
- iii) Cleaning Cloths

6. Process

- 1.00 Gumboots are provided throughout WCDHB for use when showering patients and so protecting the feet of staff from contamination. They are also worn in Theatre by the surgeons.
- 1.01 Gumboots are to be wiped daily with hot soapy water. Staff is to pay particular attention to the grooves on the sole of the boots.
- 1.02 If gumboots become contaminated, they are to be washed well with hot soapy water and dried.
- 1.03 If gumboots become contaminated with blood inside, they are to be washed well with hot soapy water, dry with paper towels.



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- 1.04 For multiuse gumboots, i.e. those used by many staff, blue disposable overshoes are to be placed over the feet before inserting the foot into the gumboot and discarded after use into a yellow rubbish bag.
- 1.05 Gumboots are to be replaced when signs of wear and tear, splitting or other damage have occurred.

7. Precautions and Considerations

- Gumboots are to be cleaned daily with hot soapy water.
- If gumboots become contaminated, they are to be washed well with hot soapy water and dried.
- Gumboots are to be replaced when signs of wear and tear, splitting or other damage have occurred.

8. References

New Zealand Standard – Infection Control (NZS 8142:2008)

9. Related Documents

WCDHB Health and Safety Procedure Manual

WCDHB Infection Control Procedure Manual

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