



Slide Sheet - Cleaning Procedure

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1. Purpose

This Procedure is performed to ensure that all West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB) staff follow the correct procedure in the cleaning of slide sheets.

2. Application

This Procedure is to be followed by all staff throughout 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 no specific resources.

6. Process

- 1.0 To prevent cross infection, sheets are to be cleaned between patients.
- 1.01 Non-soiled sheets are washed in warm soapy water, rinsed well and air-dried.
- 1.02 If Slide sheets are soiled, they are to be sent to WCDHB laundry in a Green linen bag.
- 1.03 Soiled Slide sheets are to be processed by the WCDHB Laundry in the same manner as Mackintosh sheets.
- 1.04 Slide sheets are not to be put through the dryer, as they will lose their ability to slide, making them ineffective.



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7. Precautions And Considerations

- Sheets are to be cleaned between patients
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- Slide sheets are not to put through the dryer.

8. References

Health South Canterbury Professional Nursing and Midwifery Manual

9. Related Documents

WCDHB Infection Control Manual.

WCDHB Laundry Policy and Procedure Manual

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