



Toy Cleaning Procedure

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1. Purpose

This Procedure outlines the process for cleaning of children's toys within West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB) facilities.

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:

- i) Soap
- ii) Warm Water
- iii) Brush
- iv) Presept Tablets

6. Process

- 1.00 All toys available for use by children within WCDHB facilities are required to be thoroughly cleaned and if required, disinfected. This is the responsibility of the Clinical Charge Nurse / Manager of the area where the toys are located.
- 1.01 If a toy cannot be washed, it is not appropriate to have within a WCDHB facility. Soft toys should also be avoided as they are difficult to clean and can trap bacteria.
- 1.02 Toys in clinical areas must be cleaned and disinfected after being used by a single child.
- 1.03 Toys from waiting areas must be cleaned and disinfected weekly or more frequently when they are contaminated by blood/body fluids, are visibly soiled or have been in contact with a child's mucus membranes.
- 1.04 Toys are to be examined before and after use. Any toy that is cracked, broken or unable to be cleaned is to be discarded.



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- 1.05 The toy is to be cleaned with warm, soapy water using a brush to reach into any crevices.
- 1.06 Rinse in clean water, then air dry. Do not store wet.
- 1.07 Once dry place toys back into Waiting Area.
- 1.08 For toys in clinical areas, they are first to be cleaned and then immersed in a freshly mixed Presept solution and allowed to soak for a minimum of 1 hour
- 1.09 Remove toy from solution, rinse in clean water, then air dry. Do not store wet.
- 1.10 Once dry place toys back into Ward use.

7. Precautions And Considerations

- ➔ It is the responsibility of the Clinical Charge Nurse / Manager of the area where the toys are located to ensure they are cleaned/disinfected
- ➔ Toys after they have been cleaned/disinfected are to be air dried before they are stored
- ➔ For toys in clinical areas, they are first to be cleaned and then immersed in a freshly mixed Presept solution

8. References

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

Practical Guidelines fro Infection Control In Health Care Facilities World Health Organisation (2004)

9. Related Documents

WCDHB Health and Safety Procedure Manual

WCDHB Infection Control Procedure Manual

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