



Drug Fridge - Cleaning Procedure

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1. Purpose

This Procedure is performed as a means of ensuring that the drug fridge is maintained to optimum hygiene levels.

2. Application

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

3. Definitions

There are no definitions associated with this Procedure.

4. Staff Authorised To Perform Procedure

This Procedure shall be performed by a:

- i) Registered nurse (RN); or
- ii) Enrolled nurse / nurse assistant; or
- iii) Student nurse (under RN direction).

5. Resources Required

This Procedure requires:

- i) cleaning cloth
- ii) bowl/bucket of hot water and all purpose detergent
- iii) container to store drug while cleaning

6. Process

- 1.00 Drugs fridge must be cleaned on a monthly basis.
- 1.01 Place drugs into storage container and transfer them temporarily into another drug fridge.
- 1.02 Assemble equipment and wipe down interior of fridge including shelving and door
- 1.03 Ensure surfaces are dry before returning drugs to fridge
- 1.04 The cleaning should be documented along with the date, time and initials and signature of the staff member who did the cleaning.
- 1.05 Place the thermometer back into the fridge in an upright position. 1 – 2 hours after the thermometer has been returned to the fridge, reset thermometer



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7. Precautions And Considerations

- All drug fridges must be cleaned on a monthly basis
- No food or drink is to be stored in a Drug Fridge
- Ensure thermometer is placed into the body of the fridge in an upright position and reset after 1 – 2 hours.

8. References

Health South Canterbury Professional Nursing and Midwifery Manual

9. Related Documents

WCDHB Infection Control Manual.

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