

River Valley Therapeutic Residence Policy and Procedure		
Cleaning of Non-Critical Reusable Resident Care Equipment		
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POLICY

In accordance with the current Infection Prevention and Control Plan, River Valley Therapeutic Residence (RVTR) shall implement and maintain processes to ensure all non-critical, reusable resident care equipment is routinely cleaned before and after use.

DEFINITIONS

Cleaning: Removal of visible soil, blood and other debris from the surface of an item, usually through water and detergent or use of an enzyme cleaner.

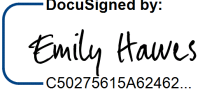
Disinfection: Destruction of most pathogenic micro-organisms through chemical agents or thermal processes.

Reprocessing: Method to ensure proper disinfection; can include cleaning, inspecting, and storing.

PROCEDURE

- All equipment must be cleaned immediately if visibly soiled.
- Resident care equipment is cleaned, disinfected and/or reprocessed immediately after-resident and/or before reuse with another resident or before placed in storage.
- All health care workers must exercise routine practices (i.e., hand hygiene) and wear required PPE appropriate for the task.
- Special, additional cleaning may be required in an outbreak situation or in the presence of multi-drug resistant organisms. Procedures will be determined in consultation with the Nurse Manager.

- Disposable resident equipment and supplies shall be immediately discarded after use in an appropriate receptacle.
- Personal care items/effects (such as razors and nail clippers) are single use resident items and shall not be shared between residents.
- If an item is damaged, staff must complete an Environment of Care Variance and immediately notify the Nursing Manager. Damaged items shall not be returned to the clean equipment storage, instead damaged items shall be placed in the dirty linen storage room.

Approved by	Signature	Date
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