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POLICY and PROCEDURE

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| Title | Linen Handling | |
| Manuals | ADC-IC | HOS-IC |
| | ALF-IC | PH-IC |
| | CAH-IC | RHC-IC |
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| Highlights | Policy Statement |
| | All linen will be handled in a consistent manner in compliance with current recommendations. The intent is to prevent the spread of dust contamination or infection to patients, visitors or employees. |
| | Procedure |
| Clean Linen | <p>Clean Linen</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Store clean textiles and fabrics by methods that will ensure their cleanliness and protect them from dust and soil (i.e., separate from soiled linen, store in areas free of dust, vermin and traffic flow and behind closed doors). 2. Special practices for Swing Intermediate Residents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resident's personal laundry can either be laundered by the resident's family outside the facility, or will be laundered on site by Laundry personnel. All resident personal laundry laundered by the facility will be permanently marked with resident name to avoid loss |
| | <p>Soiled Linen</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use Standard Precautions when handling soiled linens. 2. Soiled laundry will be bagged at the location where it was used and shall not be sorted or pre-rinsed in patient care areas. 3. Linen/clothing soiled with feces, blood or body fluids from patients will be placed in a moisture impervious linen bag. If dripping liquid is observed on the outside of the bag, then leakage may have occurred. Wearing gloves, place the leaking bag into another linen bag and/or place the leaking bag directly into the transport cart to prevent contamination of the environment. The situation is considered controlled once the linen bag is on the transport cart. 4. Handle soiled linen with minimum agitation to avoid contamination of air, surfaces, and personnel. 5. Loose soiled linen should not be placed on floors or furniture. 6. Soiled linen from patients with infectious diseases or who are in isolation will be placed in red biohazardous bags. 7. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Gloves are recommended 8. Pick up soiled linen and carry to covered linen hamper and place the soiled linen inside moisture impervious linen. Close cover on hamper. Do not hold soiled linen against clothing while handling unless wearing appropriate PPE (gowns). 9. When hamper is full, wheel the linen hamper to dirty utility room or other appropriate area. 10. Wash hands after removing gloves and PPE. |

| Regulatory Reference Sources | |
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| OBRA Regulatory Reference Numbers | |
| Survey Tag Numbers (optional) | |



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