



**RANCHO LOS AMIGOS**  
NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

## PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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### PROCEDURE FOR CLEANING AND MAINTAINING WHIRLPOOLS

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**WHIRLPOOL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS:** Follow manufacture recommended maintenance procedures. Facilities Management/BioMed Department is responsible for preventative maintenance and repairs. If defects are noted upon inspection prior to, during or following use, the item will be red tagged with “DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT” label, removed from service and Facilities Management/BioMed department notified.

#### I. WITH EACH USE

- A. Inspect electrical cords and plugs to ensure they are in good condition prior to use and following use.
- B. Assess the agitator and drain closure mechanisms prior to and following use.
- C. Clean the whirlpool as described below following each use.
- D. Dry any water that may have splashed onto the floor during use to prevent slips or falls. If water is splashing during use ensure the area around the whirlpool is secure from individuals walking through the wet area.
- E. Following use and cleaning, return the whirlpool to the proper storage location and ensure the cords are properly secured.

#### WHIRLPOOL CLEANING PROCEDURES

1. Wear gloves for cleaning.
2. After patient is finished with treatment, drain all the water from the whirlpool.
3. Rinse machine with warm/hot water.
4. Remove visible debris from the tank walls and turbine with a cloth.
5. Close the drain.
6. Fill with water to the agitation level and add 1 ounce of Hospital approved cleaning agent per manufactures instructions.
7. Turn the air control butterfly valve to the “off” (horizontal) position.
8. Turn the whirlpool control valve to the slow position.
9. Turn on the turbine for a minimum of five seconds and turn it off. Allow the turbine to soak for a minimum of ten-minute contact time.

10. Spray or wipe all exposed surfaces with the hospital approved cleaning agent mixture in the tank. Exposed surfaces should remain wet for a minimum of ten-minute contact time.
11. Drain the tank.
12. Rinse again with warm/hot water.
13. Drain and wipe dry.
14. Keep bottom drain open when not in use.
15. Keep all hoses kink free for adequate drainage.

  
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