



**RANCHO LOS AMIGOS**  
NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

## PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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### PROCEDURE FOR CLEANING OF TREATMENT AREA

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**Purpose:** To ensure patient and staff safety by maintaining a clean environment with appropriate infection control and cleaning procedures of the treatment areas and equipment.

**Actions:** Equipment used by a patient must be disinfected with a hospital-approved disinfectant after each patient use observing the dwell time specified on the disinfectant.

**Current expected practices:** Refer to current Expected Practices (EP) posted in the DHS Share point accessible from the Rancho intranet -> DHS Home page-> COVID-19 Resources, Testing, Vaccine & Mandates photo link -> Expected Practices link as well as the Rancho Sharepoint -> Coronavirus COVID-19 photo link-> Guidelines & Resources. These sites provide the most up to date guidelines, recommendations and expected practices for management of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I. **DAILY** (and as needed if visibly soiled)

- A. Linen – **Change after each patient use.**
- B. Mats – Wash with a hospital approved disinfectant observing the dwell time specified on the disinfectant) after each patient use.
- C. General straightening and putting away of equipment, along with a visual inspection of the treatment area for specific cleaning needs requiring Environmental Services (EVS) attention. EVS will be notified of actions required.

II. **WEEKLY** (and as needed if visibly soiled)

General environmental cleaning of treatment areas will be conducted including dusting and straightening of shelves, and storage areas and a general visual inspection of treatment areas for specific EVS cleaning needs. EVS will be notified of specific areas requiring attention.

III. **SPECIALTY** (in the event of specialty cleaning needs)

Based on current expected practices – if specialty cleaning needs arise, EVS will be notified of the need.

  
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