

**RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER**

**Infection Prevention and Control**

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**SUBJECT: CLEANING OF PATIENT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

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**PURPOSE:**

To minimize the risk of nosocomial infection by establishing guidelines for the cleaning and disinfection of patient care equipment.

**POLICY:**

Equipment used in patient care and support areas will be cleaned and properly maintained in accordance with Safety and Infection Control Standards.

**DEFINITION**

Non-Critical Items

Items that come in contact with intact skin but not mucous membranes are defined by the CDC as non-critical. Examples of non-critical surfaces include but are not limited to blood pressure cuffs, examination tables, and portable pumps.

**Procedure**

- A. The facility approved disinfectants for use on non-critical surfaces include but are not limited to Super Sani-Cloth, Sani –Cloth Bleach, and Coverage.
- B. Patient equipment (i.e., IV pump, etc.,) and non-critical patient care items will be cleaned with the facility approved disinfectant after each patient use.
- C. Clean equipment will be stored in a clean storage area. It is the responsibility of the Nurse Manager or designee to ensure clean and unclean equipment is separately stored.  
NOTE: Clean equipment will not be stored in the dirty utility room.
- D. All patient care equipment must be cleaned and in good working order before use in the provision of patient care. Under no circumstances will dirty equipment be used for patient care.

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