

HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: XIII-119 ICE MACHINE	POLICY #: 1117
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PURPOSE: To reduce the likelihood of contamination of ice storage compartments and ice machines.

POLICY: Ice that is used in connection with food or drink or for therapeutic purposes is to be from a sanitary source and is to be handled and dispensed in a sanitary manner.

PROTOCOL:

I. USE OF ICE MACHINE

- A. Access of ice machines is to be limited to authorized personnel.
- B. Hand hygiene is to be performed before using, cleaning or servicing the ice machine.
- C. Do not handle ice with bare hands.
- D. Ice is to be placed into clean containers
- E. Do not return unused ice to ice storage compartment
- F. Remove all extraneous equipment and items from around or on the ice machine
- G. Do not store pharmaceuticals or medical solutions on ice intended for consumption; use sterile ice to keep medical solutions cold, or use equipment specifically manufactured for this purpose.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CLEANING

- A. Ice machine exterior is to be cleaned with a quaternary ammonium disinfectant diluted per the disinfectant manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Remove grille and clean daily and as needed
- C. Clean exterior surfaces monthly and as needed
- D. Remove lower splash panel and clean monthly and as needed

III. FACILITIES PERSONNEL CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Established cleaning procedures and preventative maintenance are to be strictly adhered to and are to be performed on a preset monthly and quarterly schedule following the manufacturer's instructions with the use of EPA -registered disinfectants and in a sanitary manner.

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IV. RECORDS / LOGS

Records/logs of maintenance and cleaning performed by Facilities Personnel are to be maintained in the Facilities Office.

V. BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTING

Bacteriological testing of ice, ice chest or dispenser is not to be performed routinely but is to be done when indicated during an epidemiologic investigation per the directives of the ASC Committee and Infection Prevention consult or the Department of Public Health.

VI. PLANNED WATER DISRUPTIONS

Facilities Personnel are to:

- disconnect the ice machine before planned lengthy water disruptions.
- flush and clean the ice machine and dispenser if it has not been disconnected before anticipated lengthy water disruptions, and before being placed in service again after being disconnected for a length of time.

VII. REPORTING MALFUCTIONS

Promptly report any malfunctions of the ice machine to the Facilities Department and discontinue use until clearance to reuse is received from Facilities Department.

REFERENCES:

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 70865.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in health care facilities" recommendations of CDC and the Healthcare Infection Control Practice Advisory Committee (HICPAC), 2003; 52 (No. RR-10).

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