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## Cleaning of Shared Play Equipment

### **Procedure:**

#### **A. GENERAL CLEANING**


1. All toys are to be examined after each use by child life staff, volunteers, or unit staff for safe construction, small parts, breaks and cleanliness. If toy is broken or unable to be cleaned, the toy shall be discarded.
2. After use, *all* toys that have been used in patient rooms and/or therapy rooms will be inspected and cleaned immediately or placed in the dirty toy box for cleaning and inspection.
3. All toys in the dirty toy box will be disinfected with the appropriate disinfectant
4. Hard plastic toys that are washed in a dishwasher do not need to be additionally disinfected.
5. Wall-mounted or table-mounted toys should be cleaned weekly and when obviously soiled, utilizing a soap and water wash followed by clear water rinsing and air drying and/or use of appropriate disinfectant spray or Caviwipes®.
6. Toys such as electronic games, wind-up toys, and other toys that would be damaged with soap and water can be sprayed with an appropriate spray disinfectant or Caviwipes® .
  - a. Spray the disinfectant on a clean cloth.
  - b. Wet the entire surface of the toy with disinfectant.
  - c. Keep the surface of the toy wet with the disinfectant for the appropriate contact time for the disinfectant used.
  - d. Rinse the disinfectant off with clean water on a clean cloth.
  - e. Completely dry the toy either with a clean, dry cloth or allow to air dry.
7. Only **new** stuffed animals and **new** cloth dolls can be accepted by the hospital and even then **cannot** be used by more than one child or in a group situation. They shall be given to one child to use and take home.
8. Books and laminated posters should be wiped off with an appropriate disinfectant when removed from patient room.
9. In construction of toys and mobiles, materials will only be used which can be thoroughly cleaned.
10. Toys brought in by family members must not be shared.

#### **B. TOYS FOR ISOLATION**

1. Toys will be disinfected with bleach solution after use in an isolation room.
2. Ideally, toys shall be cleaned immediately. If not, they shall be put in a bag to indicate they have not been cleaned.
3. Books may be taken into isolation rooms for children over age 4 (assuming they are not “mouthing” them). After use in an isolation room, book covers shall be wiped clean with bleach solution. They may then be reused unless they are visibly soiled. If the soiled book cannot be cleaned, it must be discarded.
4. If toys with porous surfaces (e.g. stuffed animals) that cannot be effectively cleaned are given to children in isolation, these toys must be kept by the child and taken home upon discharge or discarded.

#### **C. Cleaning and Disinfection of Toys**

1. Scrub the toy in warm, soapy water. Use a brush to reach into the crevices.
2. Rinse the toy in clean water.
3. In areas where it is not possible to place toys in warm soapy water, toys will be disinfected as described below. If toys are grossly contaminated, they will be discarded.
4. Toys shall be disinfected with either bleach solution or Caviwipes® .
  - a. To disinfect with bleach, immerse the toy in the bleach solution (see below) and allow it to soak in the solution for 10 minutes.
  - b. If the toy cannot be immersed:

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- Spray the bleach solution on a clean cloth;
  - Wet the entire surface of the toy with the bleach on the cloth;
  - Keep the surface of the toy wet with the bleach for 10 minutes.
- c. Remove the toy from the bleach solution.
  - d. Rinse the toy well in clean water. If the toy cannot be immersed, wipe with clean water. Toys are not to be stored wet. Air dry, dry in a dryer, or dry with a clean towel.
- 5. Preparing Bleach Solution 0.05% (Sodium Hypo chlorite)**
- a. Add 1-ounce bleach to 49 ounces tap water. (1:50 dilution).
  - b. Bleach solution needs to be mixed daily
  - c. Label container “1:50 bleach solution” and write expiration date which is the end of business on the day it was mixed.
  - d. Store in a cool place out of direct sunlight and out of the reach of children.
- D. DOCUMENTATION:** Each unit will develop a process to document shared play equipment cleaning as appropriate for their area.