I. PURPOSE: To establish specific procedures for special cleaning of isolation rooms after a patient vacates them.

II. POLICY: The Montana State Hospital (MSH) Housekeeping Services staff will disinfect isolation rooms after each use to eliminate the possibility of cross contamination and effectively reduce the existence of pathogens.

III. DEFINITIONS:

A. Terminal cleaning – thorough, extensive cleaning and disinfection of an isolation room after the patient is discharged from that room.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. Housekeepers are responsible for cleaning terminal isolation rooms.

B. The Housekeeping Manager will:

1. Ensure procedures are in place to meet licensing and accreditation standards for cleaning isolation rooms.
2. Evaluate the performance of each employee.
3. Ensure all housekeepers are familiar with the Infection Prevention policies and procedures.

C. The Infection Preventionist will be available as a resource to housekeeping staff.

D. Nursing Staff will notify housekeeping when an isolation room is ready or needs cleaning.

V. PROCEDURE:

A. Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning: Housekeeping staff will carry out principles of infection control as outlined in the MSH policy Exposure Control Plan, IC-03 by:

1. Wearing personal protective clothing.
2. Proper handling of infectious waste and contaminated linen. Remember: unused toilet paper, towels, bar soap, etc., are considered contaminated.
3. Inspecting pillows and mattress. If holes are found, send for decontamination and get replacements.

4. Using a hospital-grade disinfectant on ALL environmental surfaces i.e., floor, walls, bed, mattress, pillow, night stand, over-bed table, chairs, lamps, and medical equipment. Do not overlook inside and bottom of drawers, equipment cords, soap and toilet paper dispensers, toilets, urinals, sinks and bathroom fixtures.


VI. REFERENCES: Exposure Control Plan, IC-03; State Licensure Standards

VII. COLLABORATED WITH: Housekeeping Manager, Infection Preventionist

VIII. REVISIONS: #HL-02, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning March 13, 2015; #HL-02, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning, May 9, 2008; # HL-02, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning dated June 17, 2005; Policy # HL-02, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning dated May 20, 2002; Policy # HL-02, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning dated February 14, 2000; and Policy #HK-05, Terminal Isolation Room Cleaning dated March 17, 1995

IX. DISTRIBUTION: All hospital policy manuals, Housekeeping Procedure Manual

X. REVIEW AND REISSUE DATE: March 2018

XI. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITIES: Housekeeping Manager

XII. ATTACHMENTS: None

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