



## TOY CLEANING

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Office of Origin: Department of Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control (HEIC)

### I. PURPOSE

To reduce communicable disease transmission risk among patients seen in inpatient and ambulatory locations

### II. REFERENCES

- A. Siegel JD, Rhinehart E, Jackson M, Chiarello L, and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings.
- B. <https://ucsfpolicies.ucsf.edu/childrens%20hospital/childlife/infectioncontrolforchildlifeprogramingspaces.pdf>
- C. <http://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/11-standard-and-transmission-based-precautions>

### III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Hospital-approved detergent disinfectant: EPA-registered disinfectants approved by the institution's Infection Control Committee to meet the overall needs of the healthcare facility for routine cleaning and disinfection; used according to the manufacturer's recommendations for amount, dilution, and contact time sufficient to remove pathogens from surfaces of rooms where colonized or infected individuals are housed.
- B. Stationary toys: Toys affixed to tables, walls, ceilings, floors, casework, or that are not easily moveable by the patient
- C. Moveable toys: Moveable toys (e.g. books, blocks, dolls, etc.) are discouraged for communal use. Provide toys/items that the patient can take home. Therapeutic items used for distraction, instruction, etc. must be cleaned after each use.

### IV. POLICY

- A. Clean stationary toys with hospital approved detergent/disinfectant at least once per day when in use.
- B. Handle moveable toys (including books) in one of four ways after each use:
  1. Cleaned/disinfected with hospital-approved detergent/disinfectant
  2. Washed in automated dishwasher
  3. Given to the child
  4. Discarded
- C. Soft toys (e.g., stuffed, including mobiles with stuffed toys) are single-patient use only and labeled with the child's name (if inpatient). Communal soft toys are not permitted.
- D. Toys used in isolation rooms will remain with the patient throughout hospitalization or visit, then handled as in B. above.
- E. Child Life Services department staff follow the Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions.

### V. CLEANING AGENTS AND PROCEDURE

- A. Hospital-approved detergent/disinfectant
  1. Wipe toys with disinfectant.
  2. Follow label directions for contact time, and allow to air dry



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- B. Use soap and water for cleaning visibly soiled hands or toys
  - 1. Wash with soap and water using friction.
  - 2. Rinse with water and dry.
- C. Use alcohol (70%) for small and/or minimally soiled toys that are mouthed or contaminated.
  - 1. Wipe with alcohol pledget (“wipe”) and allow to air dry (water rinse is not necessary)

**VI. HISTORY OF POLICY**

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