

Appendix 7: Guidelines for Patient Management During Transfer from Dirty Room to Clean Room

Guidelines for patients who are ambulatory:

1. Clean bathroom, including shower, toilet, sink and floors.
2. Have patient shower from head to toe.
3. While the patient is showering, clean floors in the bathroom, patient's room and anteroom with appropriate disinfectant (disinfectant wipes in patient's room and the anteroom and bleach wipes in the bathroom).
4. The nurse in the room is to create a clean pathway from the shower to the anteroom door using disposable pads, while the nurse in the anteroom is to create a clean path from the door of the patient's room to the corridor/hall.
5. Anteroom nurse and family should change into standard precaution attire (gown and single glove), unless otherwise specified.
6. Have patient dry off and dress in disposable scrubs, underwear and socks.
7. Have patient walk on clean path from shower area to clean room, leaving everything behind. Personal property must be decontaminated using vaporized hydrogen peroxide (VHP) before they can be returned to patient. If using a walker to walk to room, obtain a new walker and have it sitting outside of anteroom. Do not use walker from room.

Guidelines for patients who are non-ambulatory:

1. Clean room and bed using appropriate disinfectant (bleach, disinfectant wipes or both).
2. Bathe patient from head to toe and change the sheets (two nurses in the room to assist with AM care).
3. While the patient is being bathed, the anteroom nurse is to clean floors in the anteroom with the appropriate disinfectant; clean the stretcher chair and cover with disposable pads to be sure the bed and the stretcher chair do not touch during transfer, create a clean path from the patient's room door to the corridor/hall with disposable chuck pad with disinfectant (ratio of 200 mL of disinfectant and 400 mL of water).
4. The nurses in the patient room should create a clean path to roll the stretcher chair in and out of the room from the patient's bed to the anteroom door using disposable pads with disinfectant (ratio of 200 mL of disinfectant and 400 mL of water).
5. Anteroom nurse and family should change into standard precaution attire (gown and single glove), unless otherwise specified.

6. The anteroom nurse will then roll the stretcher chair into the room and the two nurses at bedside will transfer the patient on to the stretcher chair, cover patient with sheet, and roll over the chemical mats* to the corridor/hall to the new room.
7. Wipe down the stretcher chair with disinfectant wipes before entering the new room and transferring patient to new bed.
8. Transfer patient to clean bed.
9. Clean stretcher chair with bleach wipes or disinfectant wipes.