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### 1.0 Policy:

Examination and procedure rooms will be cleaned/disinfected between patients using a hospital approved disinfectant, such as quaternary ammonia wipe. Sodium hypochlorite wipe will be used if patient has diarrhea.

### 2.0 Procedure:

- 2.1 Take used instruments out of the room to be cleaned/disinfected.
- 2.2 Change exam tables cover between patients.
- 2.3 Exam tables will be thoroughly cleaned/disinfected daily by EVS using the appropriate disinfecting wipe, quaternary ammonium wipe, sodium hypochlorite wipe, or other hospital approved disinfectant Exam table will be cleaned/disinfected after each use.
- 2.4 Wearing gloves wash the vinyl portion of the examination/procedure table, when visibly soiled, with an approved hospital disinfectant, or germicidal disposable wipe.
  - 2.4.1 Use disposable germicidal wipe (PDI alcohol free wipes or Clorox wipes), and wipe the table.
  - 2.4.2 The wipe should be wet enough with disinfectant to leave the table visibly damp.
  - 2.4.3 **Allow the table to air dry for several minutes per manufacturer's recommendation.**
  - 2.4.4 **Read and follow the label for manufacturer's recommended "contact" or wet time.**
- 2.5 Clean/Disinfect equipment (i.e., mayo stands, tables), after every patient/procedure with approved hospital disinfectant.
  - 2.5.1 The equipment must be visibly damp with disinfectant to be properly disinfected.
  - 2.5.2 **Allow equipment to air dry or as recommended by the manufacturer.**

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**3.0 NOTE:**

**The EPA approves hard surface disinfectants for germicidal activity based on manufacture recommendation contact time, meaning that the object is visibly wet with disinfectant according to the manufacture recommended time.**

**4.0 Workplace Safety:**

- 4.1 Use PPE during cleaning of instruments and equipment
- 4.2 Dispose of disposable supplies equipment in regular trash.
- 4.3 Take reusable instruments and soak immediately in enzymatic solution, scrub, dry, and send to central sterile processing when appropriate.
- 4.4 Perform hand hygiene

**5.0 References:**

- 5.1 CDC's, guidelines for Isolation Precaution; Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings, 2007