



## MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

### TERMINAL ISOLATION ROOM CLEANING

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- 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.

