MRAD 202 – Patient Care 2

Cleaning and Proper Waste Disposal

1. Wear a fresh uniform each day. Don't place your uniform with other clothing in your personal closet.

2. Pillow coverings should be changed after each use by a patient. Handle linen in a way that they do not raise dust.

3. Flush away the contents of bedpans and urinals promptly unless they are being saved for a diagnostic specimen.

4. Rinse bedpans and urinals and send them to the proper place for re-sterilization.

5. Use equipment and supplies for one patient only. After patient leaves the area, supplies must be destroyed or re-sterilized before being used again.

6. Use paper cups in the Diagnostic Imaging (DI) department and dispose of them after a single use.

7. Floors are heavily contaminated. If an item to be used for patient care falls to the floor, discard it or send it to the proper department to be re-sterilized.

8. Avoid raising dust because it carries microorganisms. When cleaning, use a cloth thoroughly moistened with a disinfectant.

9. The radiographic table or other imaging/treating equipment should be cleaned with a disposable disinfectant towelette or sprayed with disinfectant and wiped clean and dried from top to bottom with paper towels after each patient use.

10. When cleaning an article such as an imaging table, start with the least soiled area and progress to the most soiled area. This prevents the cleaner areas from becoming more heavily contaminated.

11. Place dampened or wet items such as dressing and bandages into waterproof bags and close the bags tightly before discarding them to prevent workers handling these materials from coming in contact with bodily discharges.

12. Do not reuse rags or mops for cleaning until they have been properly disinfected and dried.

13. Pour liquids to be discarded directly into drains or toilets. Avoid splashing or spilling them on clothing.

14. If in doubt about the cleanliness or sterility of an item, do not use it.

15. When an article that is known to be contaminated with virulent microorganisms is to be sent to a central supply area for cleaning and re-sterilizing, place it in a sealed, impermeable bag marked BIOHAZARD. If the outside of the bag becomes contaminated while the article is being placed in the bag, place a second bag over it.

16. Always treat needles and syringes used in the DI department as if they are contaminated with virulent microbes. Do not re-cap needles after use.

17. Place specimens to be sent to the laboratory in solid containers with secure caps. Avoid contaminating the outside of the container.

18. Medical records that accompany patients to the DI department must be kept away from patient care areas to prevent contamination.


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