

Toys

To establish procedures for use of toys within NMCP Command

Toys used in any community playroom (including Dental Service areas) will be:

1. Made of impervious, smooth, and non-porous materials.
2. Toys that have been used will be cleaned *daily* and as needed by designated ward personnel. Toys can be cleaned with a mild detergent/disinfectant and warm water, thoroughly rinsed and dried. For staff convenience, it is acceptable to wipe off toys using a cleaner disinfectant cloth such as SaniCloth®. These can be obtained from Supply. However, if toys are heavily soiled, warm water and a mild detergent/disinfectant should be employed.
3. Monitored by staff to ensure that safety, health, and the above listed requirements are met.
4. If a child is in isolation for a communicable disease, they may play with hospital provided toys or have their own private toys. However, toys cannot be shared with other children until they have been properly cleaned/disinfected. Once a child in isolation has been discharged, hospital provided toys can be returned to the unit/ward for general use after being cleaned appropriately using the methods previously mentioned. Private toys will be taken home with the child.
5. Ideally, toys should be made of impervious, smooth, and non-porous materials. Stuffed animals are allowed on an individual basis but cannot be placed in an isolette due to the collection of moisture and organisms in the toy.
6. Private toys should be provided by the child's sponsor if:
 - a. The child is admitted or is later diagnosed as having a communicable disease.
 - b. Felt by the charge nurse to be indicated.
7. Private toys on the ward:
 - a. Will not be shared with other children.
 - b. Will be the responsibility of the sponsor.
 - c. Will be taken home with the child at the termination of hospital stay or be disposed of by ward personnel.

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