

CURTAINS - PRIVACY

POLICY: Disposable or laundered privacy curtains will be used throughout NMCP.

Disposable curtains –

- Staff is responsible for the placement and removal of curtains.
- Ensure curtains are gathered and secured with snap closure during hanging and removal.
- Curtains will be disposed of in regular trash.
- Standard precautions will be followed when handling used curtains.
- Note date hung on the curtain tag.

Cloth curtains –

- Staff is responsible for the removal of curtains.
- Housekeeping will supply curtains as needed and requested.
- Housekeeping may assist with the hanging of curtains as available. Under most circumstances, staff is responsible for the hanging of curtains.
- Standard precautions will be followed when handling used curtains.
- Used curtains will be placed in linen bag separate from other linen.
- Housekeeping is responsible for tracking the dates curtains were changed.

Frequency of routine curtain changes –

- Curtains in all inpatient and outpatient areas will be changed no-less-than annually.

Non- routine required curtain changes –

- After any isolation case.
- When visibly soiled, dusty or damaged.