Policy and Procedure

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Subject
Whirlpool & Shower Chair Cleaning

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I. Purpose
Instruction of proper cleaning technique of the whirlpool tub or shower chair.

II. Scope
Nursing

III. Policy
Cleaning of the whirlpool tub or shower chair after each patient use.

IV. Procedure
1. Operating Instructions for Whirlpool Cleaning & Disinfecting: (Manufacturer’s Instructions)
   - Close the waste outlet of the bath. Close the suction if fitted. Turn the function selection control to the disinfection setting. Remove the disinfectant spray handle from the holder and direct the spray handle into the product and turn the ON/OFF control to the ON position.
   - Secure the disinfectant spray handle into the injection port. Depress the spray handle trigger until disinfectant solution is flowing from ALL air jets/nozzles. Continue injecting for 30 seconds before disconnecting the spray handle.
   - Apply disinfectant to all inner surfaces of the product using the spray handle. Ensure that all surfaces are wetted by the disinfectant solution. Similarly, apply disinfectant to all accessories and attachments, behind and under the seat by spraying with the spray handle.
   - Scrub the surface of the product with a soft bristle brush or cloth to remove any build up of bio-film, which may have been deposited.
   - Allow an appropriate contact time for disinfecting according to the instructions for the disinfectant cleaner being used. While waiting, wipe all other contact areas and accessories with a disposable cloth soaked in disinfectant solution.
   - Rinse. Turn the function selection control to the rinse setting. Open the waste outlet and the suction if fitted and drain the bath of residual disinfectant solution.
   - Reconnect the disinfectant spray handle to the injection port. Close the suction if fitted. Depress the spray handle trigger until water is seen flowing from all air jets/nozzles. Repeat the rinsing procedure until all disinfectant in the tub is carried away.
   - Rise all parts clean.
   - Activate and run the air spa for 30 seconds to purge the system of any remaining water.
   - After the last cleaning/disinfection of the day, dry the bathing product and any accessories. Switch the unit off by turning the ON/OFF control to the OFF position.

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Related Policies and Procedures
2. How to Clean the Shower Chair
   After each use, the chair must be wiped down with disinfectant and dried
   • Wear gloves
   • Wash off any soiled areas by rinsing with water
   • Spray or wipe the shower chair with Dispatch (Bleach Germicidal Cleaner)
   • Allow to sit one minute if using the Dispatch spray cleaner
   • Wipe and dry with a clean, dry wash cloth
   • Be certain that you dry the top and bottom of the seat
   • Press the towel into cracks and crevices to soak up any hidden water or moisture
   • Remove the shower chair from the shower when not in use and after cleaning, to keep as dry as possible