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Purpose To prevent the transmission of infectious diseases via toys, dolls, and various teaching aids by cleaning and disinfecting them between uses by different patients.

Audience All employees of UTMB hospitals, clinics, Victory Lakes outpatient specialty care and surgical center, contract workers, volunteers, and students who work with patients who may come in contact with toys and various teaching aids.

- Policy**
- Toys and teaching aids used in the hospital and clinics should be patient specific, if possible.
 - Toys and teaching aids that are not patient specific should be made of materials that can be cleaned and then disinfected with an antiseptic.
 - In areas with mounted or fixed toys or activity tables, such as in a waiting or play area, surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected daily when in use, with an alcohol wipe. Cleaning should be documented daily on a log.
 - Surfaces of toys and teaching aids should be cleaned after use by each child and at least daily when in use. Cleaning of toys, dolls, and teachings aids should be documented daily on a log.
 - If toys are likely to be mouthed, rinse with water after disinfection.
 - Children should have limited exposure to toys and teaching aids that cannot be disinfected.
 - Children should wash and disinfect their hands prior to touching a toy that cannot be disinfected (with soap and water followed by alcohol rinse or with an anti-microbial soap).
 - Toys that cannot be disinfected should not be taken into isolation rooms.
 - If a toy, doll or teaching aid becomes visibly soiled, remove from service and refer to manufacturer guidelines for cleaning instructions or contact the Department of Healthcare Epidemiology for further guidelines.
 - In areas with mounted, fixed toys or activity tables, such as in a

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waiting or play area, become porous or unable to be cleaned, the item must be removed from the area and discarded

- Daily cleaning and disinfection of dolls, toys and teaching aids must be documented by date, time and name of the toy, doll or teaching aid.

RESOURCES

https://apic.org/Resource_/TinyMceFileManager/Emergency_Prep/2013_Ambulatory_Care_during_Disasters_FINAL.pdf

<http://blogs.hcpro.com/osha/2010/02/ic-considerations-for-toys-in-the-waiting-room/>