

Procedures: Infection Control

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Handwashing or cleansing before, between, and after patient contact is imperative. Employees may use soap and water, or waterless hand cleanser.

Patients should be encouraged to wash hands or use a waterless hand cleanser before and after entering the treatment rooms or therapy area.

All equipment, toys, and treatment surfaces should be cleaned after each therapy session with approved cleansing wipes, in every therapy setting (schools, homes, clinic).

Each therapy area in the clinic, and each therapist's equipment bag, should be stocked with cleansing wipes, such as Clorox wipes, and waterless hand cleanser.

Cleansing wipes and waterless hand cleanser should be stored out of the reach of children, at least five feet above the floor and behind closed doors where possible in the clinic. Therapy equipment bags containing cleansing wipes and waterless hand cleanser should never be left unattended in the presence of children.

Therapists should take care to appropriately clean therapy equipment and toys and therapy equipment bags before and after entering a patient's home. When at all possible, use toys or equipment inherent in the patient's home or natural environment.