

IC9: 0500 Immersion Tubs - Cleaning and Disinfection

1.0 STANDARD

Protocols shall be established to ensure that immersion tubs are cleaned between each use.

Protocols must be established to clean the jets of the jetted tubs at the end of each day of use, and more often if heavy soiling occurs.

Before purchasing a new immersion tub, facilities should evaluate the ease and effectiveness of cleaning the tub and the jets.

2.0 PROCEDURE:

2.0 After each patient use:

All inside surfaces should be cleaned with a disinfectant-detergent or manufacturer-recommended cleaning product, and rinsed with water.

Skin contact surfaces of transport and lifting devices used while bathing residents need to be sanitized between each use.

2.1 After the last patient of each day

Perform a terminal cleaning procedure which includes cleaning all tub surfaces, as well as running the disinfectant solution through the jets, followed by rinsing.

Check for the manufacturer's recommendations regarding the product selection and the procedure for model of tub in the facility.

All surfaces, including under-side of the transporting and lifting devices need to be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the day.

3.0 REFERENCES

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