

Your Health Care Organization

Linen Services

Policy # 10: Home Laundering of Scrubs

Effective Date: _____

Revised Date: _____

POLICY STATEMENT

Select units or departments that require scrub clothes as uniforms may be designated to implement a home laundering program. Staff will be issued three-to-five sets of scrubs, depending on frequency of use, and provided with instructions on how they must be laundered.

Alternative: Staff will be instructed to purchase their own scrubs/uniforms and provided with instructions on how they must be laundered.

PROCEDURE

- A. Scrub clothes for designated home laundering units will be a different color than those in departments wearing scrubs furnished by the laundry.
- B. Staff will maintain and wash their scrubs according to standards reviewed and approved by Infection Prevention. Clean scrubs will be worn each day.
- C. In the event any home laundered scrub is soiled with blood or body fluids, the items will be collected for organizational washing. The organization will provide temporary clothing and a system for returning the soiled items to the staff after cleaning.
- D. Staff utilizing scrubs provided by the organization will be able to return unusable items in exchange for new scrubs periodically.
- E. Additional staff who work in the areas where scrub clothes are optional are encouraged to purchase and maintain their own scrubs.
- F. The organization will provide scrub clothes for physicians and approved visitors to the areas requiring scrubs. A system and guidelines will be established to collect those scrubs to ensure they are not removed from the organization.

Written By: _____

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