Laundry Handling Checklist

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Date:

Location/Unit:

Prevention Component	Practice Performed			Comments
	Yes	No	N/A	
Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is worn when handling soiled/contaminated linen				
Soiled/contaminated linen is not carried against the body during handling or transport				
Soiled/contaminated linen is placed in designated containers				
Soiled/contaminated linen is handled with minimum agitation to avoid contamination of air, surfaces and people				
Soiled/contaminated linen is bagged or contained at the point of use				
Soiled/contaminated linen is placed in leak-resistant bags or containers				
Bags or containers for linen contaminated with blood are identified with labels or color coding				
There is dedicated space for laundering soiled linen				
Handwashing facilities or hand sanitizer is available in the laundry area				
Hands are washed after handling soiled/contaminated linen				
No food, beverages or personal items are in the laundry area				
There is a designated area with separation between soiled/contaminated linen and clean linen storage				
Hands are washed before handling clean linen				
Clean linen is packaged and transported by methods that will ensure their cleanliness and protect them from dust and soil during transport *State regulations and/or accrediting standards may dictate the procedures for this activity.*				

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Clean linen is stored by methods that will ensure their cleanliness and protect them from dust and soil during storage *State regulations and/or accrediting standards may dictate the procedures for this activity.*				
Clean linen carts have a solid bottom				
The lower shelf of linen storage carts are at least 6 inches from the floor				
Clean linen dropped on the floor is considered soiled laundry and placed with the soiled laundry				
Clean personal laundry is returned to the correct patient/resident				

Use N/A if (a) non-applicable or (b) not assessed.

General Comments

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