

Station Implementation Tips - Laundry and Linen

1. Set-Up
 - a. Gather all:
 - a. Supplies- various sized gloves and gowns, alcohol-based hand rub/hand sanitizer, various types of linen, trash bags, or other containers for nursing staff to put soiled linens in, large container to put bags of soiled linens in, bed
 - b. Teaching materials- handouts, competency checklists, quiz copies
2. Provide a short overview of why safe laundry and linen handling is important
3. Demonstrate how to properly handle contaminated linens
4. Perform handling of contaminated linen competency validation with each staff member and document results on competency checklist.
 - a. Consider setting up a room simulation – have staff remove contaminated linens from the bed and carry it to a large container to put them in. Then have staff make up the bed with clean linens.
 - i. Vary the scenarios – say bed linen soiled with feces, or resident is on Contact precautions, have “soiled” linen on floor or on top of trash can
 - b. If staff member did not successfully complete the competency:
 - i. Provide and document remedial education
 - ii. Repeat competency validation and document results
 - c. Administer linen handling quiz-keep completed quizzes in education file