

2288 HAIRCUTTING AND DISINFECTING HAIR CUTTING INSTUMENTS

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The SYSC provides barber/hairdressing services so that residents can obtain hair care services when needed. To prevent the transmission of pathogenic microorganisms from one individual to another via hair cutting and grooming instruments, all items that are used shall be cleaned and disinfected between each and every use.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the SYSC haircutting and disinfecting hair cutting instruments.

Procedure

I. Instrument Disinfectant

A. All instruments used for hair cutting shall be properly disinfected as follows:

1. Equipment Needed

- (a) Barbicide disinfectant.
- (b) Water
- (c) Med cup.
- (d) Latex gloves.
- (e) Eye protection.
- (f) Barbicide disinfecting jar.

2. Directions

- (a) Assemble all needed supplies. (Note: Med cup and eye protection may be obtained from the nurse on duty.)
- (b) Put on latex gloves and eye protection.
- (c) Remove lid from Barbicide disinfecting jar and fill to full line with water.

- (d) Measure 2 oz of Barbicide using the med cup (i.e., fill med cup twice) and pour into Barbicide disinfecting jar.
- (e) Note: If any of the items to be disinfected are soiled with blood or body fluids, they must be thoroughly cleaned with soap and water before placing them in the jar.
- (f) Completely immerse items to be disinfected by placing them on the tray that is attached to the lid of the disinfecting jar. (Do this by placing the tray in the jar, but leave room to slide items in.) Close the lid.
- (g) Leave items completely immersed for 10 minutes.
- (h) Remove the lid carefully after 10 minutes, pulling disinfected items out of the solution. Dry items with paper towels.
- (i) Fresh solution shall be prepared daily.
- (j) Do not store or use Barbicide near food.

II. **Sign-up Sheets**

- A. A sign-up sheet shall be posted in the Medical Department for residents to sign when they determine that they are in need of a haircut.

III. **Parental Permission**

- A. Staff shall try to contact the resident's parent/legal guardian to obtain permission for the haircut. If not possible, then the Bureau Chief of Residential Services or designee shall grant or deny permission for the haircut.

IV. **Haircut Location**

- A. Haircuts shall be done in a secure area, away from the rest of the residents, and with sufficient staff available to supervise (considering all factors such as physical size and charges of the resident).

V. **Parent Haircutting**

- A. If a parent/legal guardian wishes to cut or style their child's hair, they must contact the resident's House Leader to make the proper arrangements.

VI. **Furloughs**

- A. If court ordered, or while on a court-ordered furlough, a resident may obtain his or her own hair cutting services.

VII. **Restrictions on Hair**

- A. SYSC staff shall not force residents to cut or style their hair except in individual cases where such restrictions are necessary for reasons of health and safety and are ordered by the SYSC Medical staff.

VIII. **Non-traditional Haircuts**

- A. While current conventional haircuts are available to residents by staff on a voluntary basis, provocative or non-traditional haircuts shall not be given or authorized without the written consent of the resident's parent/legal guardian.