



GUIDELINES FOR SKILL PERFORMANCE

Skilled Nursing/Hospice Aide Bag Technique

Name: _____ Date: _____

Procedure	Performed	Not Performed
Select a healthcare bag that has at least three separate compartments. At least one compartment should be securable for patient records. At least one compartment should be on the outside of the bag for easy access of barrier sheets and hand washing supplies.		
Designate two “clean compartments one for clean disposables and the other for patient records		
Pack the bag with necessary supplies before leaving for patient visits. Verify that handwashing supplies and impervious barrier sheets are available in the outer pocket.		
Store the health care bag in a clean storage container or other separate clean compartment in your car.		
Do not take the bag into a residence infested with bugs or residence of patient with antibiotic resistant infections such as Multi Drug Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus or Vancomycin Resistant E.coli. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event of above, take needed supplies in a disposable bag 		
In the home, identify a clean and safe area for the healthcare bag placement. Never set the bag on the floor. Be sure the place gives you enough work space, is close to the patient, has a source of water, and is away from children and pets.		
Identify the place disposable items and sharps will be discarded prior to the start of care.		
Spread an impervious barrier on the surface before setting the bag down.		
Place healthcare bag on the clean impervious barrier.		
Remove handwashing supplies.		
Wash and dry hands thoroughly, following handwashing technique.		
Remove items needed for patient care, including, laptop computer/tablet and any personal protective equipment.		
Close bag before performing patient care		
Wash hands again if you need to re-enter the bag for additional supplies during patient care.		
Only dispose of sharps in an approved sharps disposal container. The sharps container must be kept in a separate “dirty” compartment or a designated sharps container pouch. Never put used sharps directly in the bag.		

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Discard disposables in a sealed trash bag or biohazard bag following infectious waste disposal guidelines.		
Bag soiled reusable items that cannot be cleaned in the patient's home and transport them according to agency policy in the dirty bin. Do not put these soiled items back into the healthcare bag.		
Wash hands.		
Clean reusable equipment and laptop computer/tablet; return to the healthcare bag. Close the bag. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that the electronic devices be cleaned with Lysol wipes and allowed to dry prior to returning to the healthcare bag. 		
Wash hands		
Return the handwashing supplies to the outer compartment.		
Remove bag from the impervious barrier.		
Dispose of the impervious barrier in the patient trash receptacle.		
Clean and disinfect the healthcare bag weekly by handwashing in mild soap and warm water and air drying. Then spray both the inside and outside with a sanitizer and air dry again.		

Successfully Completed: _____ Reevaluation Needed: _____

Evaluator: _____