



Nursing Service Guidelines Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit

Title: USE OF RAZORS

Purpose of Guidelines: To ensure patient safety with the use of razors

RESPONSIBILITY: Trained Inpatient Behavioral Health staff

Procedure:

Patients in Senior Behavioral Health may use electric razors if needed or safety razors under supervision

1. Inpatient Behavioral Health owns electric razors and safety razors are available on the unit.
2. Patients may use their own electric razor after it has been inspected for safety through biomed just as all other electrical appliances brought in by patients.
3. Any patient demonstrating psychosis, confusion, or suicidal ideation is provided 1:1 supervision during shaving and receives hands on assistance as needed.
4. The staff member assisting the patient shaving is responsible for cleaning the electric razor with materials recommended by the infection control department and returning it to the assigned storage

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