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Due to the recent recall from Vale Manufacturing Company, we have been asked to send out the operators guidelines for you patient enclosures. Please note Z & D Medical does not carry Vale Products, we only carry Posey or SNI patient enclosures. The following operator guidelines need to be placed in your Z & D equipment log book. If you have any questions please call us at 1-866-280-2122.

Subject of Policy

Vail Enclosed Bed

1. **PURPOSE:** To specify appropriate rationale for utilization of a Vail Enclosed bed. To use the least restrictive form of restraint to ensure resident safety and sense of well being.

2. **SCOPE:** All direct-care staff.

3. **PROCEDURE:**

A. Obtain Physician's order

B. Indications for use.

1. This product should only be used to insure the physical safety of the resident and others.
2. Behavioral characteristics of these residents include but are not limited to the following.

- a. involuntary movement-Huntington's Chorea
- b. potential to fall out of bed
- c. ability to climb over low rails
- d. ability to pull self up to a standing position "flip" over side rails
- e. diminished comprehension of "no" and "danger" despite verbal prompts
- f. unable to differentiate degrees of danger- i.e., a 12" drop to the floor vs. a 3' drop
- g. medical condition renders chest restraints inappropriate- i.e., highly active resident, leading to the potential for strangulation by restraints
- h. chemical restraints are medically inappropriate or will impede treatment or cognitive function
- i. "active" sleeper – restless, has periods of frequent or extended wakefulness throughout the night
- j. rolling, fall or hitting against the sides of the bed for self-stimulation
- k. documented episodes of getting out of bed with restraints still attached to bed and resident

C. Contraindications for Use

1. This bed should not be used for a resident for whom it is not intended and ordered.
2. Extremely violent, aggressive, combative or suicidal behaviors warrant interventions other than the Vail Bed.
3. Residents with multiple lines/tubing should not be placed in the Vail bed.

D. Documentation for use

- 1. The RN will document primary indications for use in the resident's medical record. The Pre-Restraint Form will be completed prior to use.**
- 2. Vail bed use will be incorporated into the resident's care plan as a safety restraint.**
- 3. Nursing staff will attend a staff in-service on the use of the Vail Bed prior to putting the bed into use with a resident.**
- 4. Notification of the family of the use of the Vail Bed and information will be shared regarding the bed and rationale for use.**
- 5. Documentation of failure, or less than satisfactory results, using restraint alternatives must be evident prior to request of the Vail Bed.**

E. Cleaning Instructions for Vail Enclose Bed:

- 1. The Vail canopy cover can be washed in a commercial washer using any germicidal or disinfectant cleaner.**
- 2. In cases of persistent odor, a solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water may be used.**
- 3. Do not put the canopy cover in a dryer as shrinking may result.**
- 4. Washing instructions:**
 - * Wash for 10 minutes at a water temperature of 100 degrees**
 - * Rinse for 5 minutes at a water temperature of 80 degrees**
 - * Extract for 5 minutes**
 - * Line or air dry**
- 5. Use dry vac as needed to remove crumbs, debris, etc....**

Patient Enclosure Cleaning Instructions

1. Remove patient and mattress from the inside of enclosure along with any other items that may interfere with the cleaning of the enclosure.
2. With the canopy sides down, thoroughly spray disinfectant solution covering all areas of the canopy including the netting. Follow directions of the disinfectant on how long to leave on surfaces this may vary depending on the type of disinfectant used.
3. Some areas that are heavily soiled may require water to be applied with a light detergent and a little scrubbing. Rinse with water as needed.
4. Using a towel, wipe all surfaces of the mattress down inside and outside of the canopy.
5. Allow the canopy to become completely dry before installing the mattress or allowing the resident/patient to enter.
6. You may use towels to wipe off any excess water of disinfectant to speed up the drying process.
7. The enclosure should be cleaned once a month or as needed depending on how soiled it becomes.

Note: You should not have to remove the bed frame from underneath the canopy enclosure nor remove the canopy from its supports.

For questions regarding cleaning or setting up of the patient enclosure please contact:

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