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INFECTION CONTROL REPORT
ROUTINE SPA CLEANING.

PROBLEM: Each of the four cottages at Moorfields Box Hill have spas which were not being used prior to March 2001.

With the employment of a Woundcare co-ordinator and an Aromatherapist wanting to make use of the spas (for e.g. the maintenance of skin integrity, relaxation, and pain management) the viability of using spas was raised at an Infection control meeting. The Infection Control Committee decided to investigate spa-cleaning products and swab the jets to determine if the spas were safe to use (considering that they had been inactive for a lengthy period).

AIM: To provide a safe cleaning standard, reducing the risk of cross-infection for residents.

ACTION PLAN:

- 1. Investigated several product options to clean spa jets.
- 2. Tried Spa.Giene, following the manufacturer's recommendations and swabbed spa jets. Sent to Pathology on 8/10/01 and awaited results.
- 3. Three of the four spa results returned a NO GROWTH result whilst the remaining one indicated that there was still a problem with the presence of moderate growths.
- 4. Staff continued to flush the spas as recommended (twice a day for 7-10 days).
- 5. Re-swabbed jets and sent to Pathology for analysis on 23/10/02.
- 6. All results came back NO GROWTH on 31/10/02.
- 7. Infection Control committee satisfied with the efficacy of the product Spa.Giene and set up a cleaning protocol for staff to follow.
- 8. Contacted Medical Microbiologist at Dorovitch Pathology re. Environmental Swabbing and Infection Control as part of our ongoing maintenance program.
- 9. Under recommendation from the Medical microbiologist, policies and procedures for spa cleaning were developed.
- 10. Laminated spa-cleaning directions were posted in each bathroom, spa-cleaning equipment (Spa.Giene, spray, cloths and gloves) are kept in a locked cupboard in each bathroom with a spa cleaning register.
- 11. Care and cleaning staff were educated on the use of the product and registering practice.
- 12. Practice will be audited as determined by the Infection Control committee (microbiologist recommends at intervals no greater than one year).

OUTCOME:

All four spas are now regularly used.

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