

# Cleaning Agitator Tubs / Hydrotherapy Tanks

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Prior to cleaning an agitator tub it is important to don **PPE** (Personal Protective Equipment).

### **Nursing Responsibilities (between patient use):**

- drain dirty water
- close drain and start filling tub
- when water level, covers half of whirlpool intake, turn on whirlpool pump motor
- turn water off when water starts to surge out the whirlpool outlet
- add manufacturer approved disinfectant (MAP) to water in the bottom of tub (follow manufacturers' directions on concentration and amount) and let the whirlpool run for one minute
- wash/scrub the interior of tub with brush/mop and the disinfectant in tub
- swing chair over tub and clean with disinfectant
- drain the system
- shower down interior of tub and chair with clean water and back flush the pump
- wipe down chair with clean cloth.

### **End of the Day Cleaning (Housekeeping Staff)**

- fill tub with water to point midway between chair and overflow
- add manufacturers approved cleaning agent at appropriate strength to the water
- lower chair into water
- activate whirlpool for 3 – 5 minutes
- scrub and clean all surfaces of chair(s)
- rinse the chair thoroughly and drain the tub
- drain the system
- shower down interior of tub and chair with clean water and back flush the pump
- wipe down chair with clean cloth

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