

PROTOCOL FOR: Shaving of Patients: Psychiatric Units

- POLICY:**
1. A Mental Health Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant, or Registered Nurse will shave all psychiatric patients who are unable to shave themselves. An electric shaver will be used.
 2. All psychiatric patients who are capable of shaving themselves, will be visually supervised and monitored by a Mental Health Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant, or Registered Nurse. An electric shaver will be used.
 3. All patients are encouraged to bring their personal electric shavers on admission to the psychiatric unit or after they are admitted, through relatives or friends. Disposable razors will not be permitted on the psychiatric units. The patients' personal electric shavers will be labeled with the patients' names and stored in their individual storage box in the safety cabinet. Hospital-owned electric shavers are available to the patients who need one.
 4. The designated shaving time on Psychiatry 1 is between 8:15-9:00PM on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
 5. The designated shaving time on Psychiatry 3 is during AM care or between 8:30-9:30AM daily.
 6. Facial shaving will be completed on Psychiatry 1 in the OT room that is equipped with a sink and mirror. Patients will shave at the mirror one at a time.
 7. The Safety Cabinet Form will be utilized to document the removal and return of patient personal electric shavers.

EQUIPMENT: Safety Cabinet key
Safety Cabinet Form
Electric razors

APPROVAL: Nursing Standards Committee

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