

COMMODE CHAIR, USE OF

PURPOSE:

1. To have toilet facilities conveniently available for bedside use.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Beside commode.
2. Toilet paper.
3. Washcloth, warm water, and soap or peri wash and disposable wash cloth.
4. Towel.

PROCEDURE:

1. Position commode chair at bedside. Lock wheels on bed.
2. Assist resident with transfer to commode chair, as necessary.
3. Put call light in resident's hand and instruct resident to call when ready.
4. Check on resident frequently.
5. STAY WITH RESIDENT IF HE/SHE IS UNABLE TO SIT UNASSISTED, IS CONFUSED, OR HAS ALARMS ORDERED.
6. Assist resident with wiping after voiding as necessary.
7. Provide perineal care as needed.
8. Assist resident into bed and make comfortable with call light in reach.
9. Empty commode receptacle in adjacent toilet and rinse well, or cover and take to utility room for cleaning.
10. Return clean receptacle to commode chair.

Follow standard precautions for use of disposable gloves.

Periodically disinfect the commode receptacle and commode chair. Use the facility disinfectant solution to wipe out or rinse the receptacle and allow to air dry. Wipe the commode chair with disinfectant solution. (Disinfect at least weekly and prn).