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Standard of care: #7424 Comfort Shield® Incontinence Care Washcloths (DIN 02245871) Multi-Use Tub (24 large washcloths/tub)

POLICY STATEMENT:

Comfort Shield® Incontinence Care Washcloths from Sage Products will be used on patients who are incontinent of bowel and/or bladder after each incontinent episode. Comfort Shield is to be used for incontinence care only, as part of a total bathing system such as the Comfort Bath® Cleansing System.

Comfort Shield Washcloths will not be used if the patient declines, has any known sensitivity to any ingredients, exhibits sensitivity to the product, or any other contraindication. Qualified nursing personnel and/or physician(s) have the responsibility to determine if Comfort Shield Washcloths are appropriate to be administered for stated use to the patient.

Purpose:

To help protect skin from minor irritation associated with incontinence, cleanse, moisturize, deodorize and provide a protective barrier to seal out wetness to the skin.

Equipment Needed:

Comfort Shield® Incontinence Care Multi-Use Tub (for individual patient use only)

Procedure:

Comfort Shield Incontinence Care Washcloths in the Multi-Use Tub is to be used *at room temperature only*.

- A. Cleansing the skin: familiarize yourself with all indications, warnings and information displayed on the Comfort Shield Tub.
 - 1 Tell the patient what you are going to do, and continue communication throughout the procedure
 - 2 Remove wet or soiled undergarment.
 - 3 If needed, gently remove large amounts of fecal material with toilet tissue, chux, wipes, gown, etc.
 - 4 Remove Comfort Shield washcloth from tub.
 - 5 Cleanse perineal area with Comfort Shield washcloth. Use as many cloths as necessary to remove urine and/or feces from the skin. Discard each washcloth after use, following appropriate policies for such soiled items.
DO NOT FLUSH WASHCLOTHS DOWN THE TOILET.
 - 6 Place clean, dry undergarment on patient. Change soiled or wet bedding if needed.
 - 7 Close tub after use to keep cloths from drying out.
 - 8 Repeat cleansing procedure after each episode of urinary and/or fecal incontinence.

The information contained herein refers specifically to the cleansing of the perineal/sacral area of incontinent individuals with Comfort Shield washcloths. Additional interventions, rationales and steps should be added pursuant to your facility's final plan of care, following standard nursing practice, other approved internal policies and procedures, and universal precautions.