

## ASSOCIATED HOSPITAL

# **GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE KATHUA**

## **LINEN CONTROL POLICY**

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## **POLICY-**

To select, purchase, use and handle the Linen as per protocol.

## **PURPOSE** -

- 1. To formulate Linen Control Policy.
- 2. Outlining the duties, functions and responsibilities of all the persons in the department involved in Linen service.
- 3. Monitoring and evaluation from time to time.

## **SCOPE-**

Store Incharge, Linen Incharge, Outsource Agency for Laundry.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS-**

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### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS:-**

#### **LINEN REQUIREMENTS:**

Six complete sets of Linen per bed are required based on 100% hospital occupancy and 40 hours laundry works per week. The six sets of linen per bed are to be allotted as under:-

- One set on Patient's bed.
- One set enroute to laundry.
- One set being processed in laundry.
- One set ready for use.
- Two sets in ward store, for use in case of emergencies.

#### LINEN CONTROL PROGRAMME

- The linen selected for use is of standard quality.
- Right linen is at right place at right time.
- Soiled Linen to be handled in separate laundry bag.
- The misuse of linen is as low as possible.
- The linen control program is functioning at all times.

## SECURITY OF LINEN

- Ensure proper locking of store room and restriction of number of persons having access to them.
- Proper sealing of the containers and bags during transit of linen from one area to another and foolproof system of receipt at each stage.
- Responsibility fixation of staff holding the charge of linen in different areas.
- Regular physical verification to pinpoint the extent and type of loss with proper preventive action by the administration.
- Frequent and adequate condemnation of linen articles.
- Ensure labeling and marking to avoid missing and mixing of linen with that of other areas.
- Proper maintenance of all the records must always be maintained to
  - Know how many old and new linen are in circulation in a hospital.
  - Know about sufficiency of linen in circulation.
  - Ensure that the rate of replacement relates to the rate of condemnation.
  - Reduce chances of theft or losses.
- Proper security arrangements at the exit of the Hospital areas and reduction of exits to a minimum level.
- Disinfection of linen by 1% Sodium Hypochlorite Solution (COVID-19 Protocol) for 30 minutes.
- For purpose of linen exchanges, sisters-in-charge of these areas send the dirty linen to the laundry and from laundry the linen comes back to these areas, after washing.

## **ORGANIZATION OF LINEN**

- Soiled Linen to be kept in Yellow Laundry bags.
- Other Linen to be kept in Green Laundry bags.
- Change of bed sheets as per color coding.

•	Monday and Thursday :	Green.
•	Tuesday and Friday :	Pink.
•	Wednesday and Saturday	Blue.
•	Sunday	White.