

Human Waste Management Questionnaire

This questionnaire should be filled out by a minimum of 10 frontline staff members with different worker designations (i.e. service worker, nurse, etc.). Once the questionnaire is completed, please contact your site IPC to review results with the unit manager and frontline staff.

Patient care unit: _____

Worker designation: _____

1. I empty a bedpan/commode hat/urinal into: (circle all applicable)
 - a. Patient toilet
 - b. Hopper
 - c. Disposable system i.e. Hygie/Vernacare
 - d. Other _____
2. Where do you rinse a bedpan/commode hat/urinal? (circle all applicable)
 - a. Patient bathroom
 - b. Hopper
 - c. Dirty utility room sink
 - d. Disposable system i.e. Hygie/Vernacare
 - e. Do not rinse
 - f. Other _____
3. What PPE do you wear when you empty or rinse a bedpan/commode hat/urinal? (circle all applicable)
 - a. Gown
 - b. Gloves
 - c. Face shield
 - d. Other _____
4. For the same patient, the bedpan/urinal is:
 - a. New each time
 - b. Disinfected after each use
 - c. Rinsed, not disinfected after each use
 - d. Disposable system i.e. Hygie/Vernacare
 - e. Not cleaned
5. If reusing a bedpan/urinal for the same patient, where is it stored? (circle all applicable)
 - a. Bathroom
 - b. Patient side table
6. Commodes on my unit are: (circle all applicable)
 - a. At the bedside at all times
 - b. In shared patient bathroom, unlabeled
 - c. In shared bathroom and cleaned *before and after* each patient
 - d. Exchanged (used commode for a clean commode)
 - e. Other _____
7. How often are commodes cleaned? (circle all applicable)
 - a. After each use
 - b. Daily
 - c. On discharge
 - d. Between patients
 - e. Other _____
8. How do you know a commode is clean?
 - a. Labeling
 - b. Designated area
 - c. No indication
 - d. Other _____
9. Who primarily cleans the commodes?
10. What steps are taken to clean a commode? What cleaning products are used?
11. What barriers do you see to waste disposal on your unit?