

## **73679 Disinfecting and Sterilizing**

### **(a)**

All facilities shall make provision for disinfection of contaminated articles or surfaces such as mattresses, linen, thermometers and oxygen tents.

### **(b)**

Equipment such as washbasins and bedpans shall be sanitized by one of the following methods: (1) Submersion in boiling water for a minimum of 30 minutes. (2) Autoclaving at 15 pounds pressure and 121°C (250°F) for 20 minutes. (3) Gas sterilization. The use of chemicals is not approved as a substitute for the above methods.

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