Bed Bug Infestation in the Patient Home

Subject: Precautions for Bed Bugs

Policy: Precautions are intended to prevent exposure of Health Care worker bug bites, prevent recontamination and transporting of bugs. Precautions must be used in the care of patient which have a know infestation of insects in their home.

Additional information:

1) Exposure and recontamination can be minimized by the following:

   A) Wear protective booties at all time or at least when you are uncertain about the present of an infestation in the patient’s home.
   B) Coveralls, hair bonnet, and gloves can be worn if you are entering a home where you know there is a severe infestation.
   C) Carry only items with you into the home that is essential to the home visit. Place items needed in a plastic bag.
   D) Do not sit on and avoid placing anything on upholstered furniture, bedding or carpeted floor.
   E) Protective coverall and shoe covers should be removed outside the home and placed in a plastic bag, tied and left in the patient entry for them to destroy.
   F) If you find an insect on yourself, use a wet wipe to capture and wipe down any exposed area.
   G) You may need to keep a change of clothing in your vehicle

2) Notification

   A) All staff that may visit the patient’s home shall be made aware of infestation and the need to take precaution by informing clinical supervisor or director .
   B) Notations will be documented on travel folders and HHA sheets to take precautions.

3) Patient and family will be instructed on the need to contact a pest management company.

4) Educational information will be available for the staff and the patient/family.

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