

Leamington Mennonite Home
Long Term Care

**INFECTION CONTROL
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

CATEGORY: Disease-Specific Precautions	SUBJECT: Hepatitis Management	SECTION: H POLICY: 8
DATE: January 11, 2024	Administrator's Signature: _____ <i>J. M.</i>	
REVISION DATES:	IPAC Lead's Signature: _____ <i>L. Coppola, RN.</i>	

HEPATITIS MANAGEMENT

POLICY:

Hepatitis guidelines will prevent the transmission of Hepatitis to residents and staff. There are several classes of Hepatitis. The most common are A, B, and C. Hepatitis A is transmitted by fecal/oral route. It is most commonly transmitted in areas with poor hygiene, i.e. third world countries. Hepatitis B is transmitted by exposure to contaminated blood through needle sticks or open wounds. The disease is known to be spread by oral or sexual contact as well. Hepatitis C is transmitted most commonly by blood transfusions or IV drug use.

PROCEDURE:

Hepatitis B & C

- 1) Upon admission, all residents are screened for Hepatitis B & C.
- 2) If the resident is deemed positive for Hepatitis B or C, there will be an individualized evaluation performed by the multidisciplinary team consisting of the Medical Director, the DNPC and the IPAC Lead. At the completion of this evaluation the necessary precautions will be put in place.
- 3) Universal precautions must be followed if bodily fluids, i.e. blood is present during care. Wash hands prior to donning gloves and after glove use.
- 4) Never re-cap needles. If injections are required, the Registered Staff will bring the sharps container with them for needle disposal.
- 5) It is recommended that all staff be vaccinated for Hepatitis B.
- 6) Dietary – no special precautions are needed.
- 7) Laundry & Housekeeping - no special precautions are needed.
- 8) The resident should be bathed last and the tub purged after the bath per routine practices.

Hepatitis A

- 1) If a resident has been deemed positive or exposed to Hepatitis A they will be placed in isolation under Contact Precautions in a private room for 7 days. If a private room is not

available, then the resident is to be placed with a resident who is at a low risk for infection. Gloves and gown are to be worn when providing direct care to resident in their room. Appropriate signage to be posted on resident's door.

- 2) Toilet / commode is to be disinfected after each use.
- 3) Isolation cart will be placed outside resident's room, as well as garbage and isolation laundry hamper placed inside resident's room near the exit. Isolation laundry is to be taken down to the laundry room by the PSW at the end of the day. Do not put the bag down the laundry chute. Normal wash cycle with hot water will kill the virus.
- 4) A commode will be provided if the resident is not in a private room. The commode or toilet is to be disinfected after each use with Oxivir Plus disinfectant or Virox wipes.
- 5) Housekeeping will disinfect the resident's room daily as per regular routine. No increased cleaning required.
- 6) Tray service will be provided for all meals. No special precautions are necessary for dishwashing. Hot water kills the virus.
- 7) If a staff member is contaminated with Hepatitis A they must remain off work for at least 7 days or longer if doctor recommended.
- 8) The resident should be showered using shower chair or the bath table. The shower chair or bathing trolley is to be properly disinfected when finished. **DO NOT USE THE TUB.**