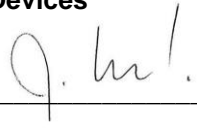


Leamington Mennonite Home

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

CATEGORY: Dietary	SUBJECT: Assistive Eating Devices	SECTION: A
DATE: September 2004	Administrator: 	POLICY: 2
REVISION DATES: June 2010	Dietary Director: _____	

ASSISTIVE EATING DEVICES

POLICY:

Each resident with needs for assistance will be assessed and will be provided with special utensils/ assistive devices as required.

OBJECTIVE:

To promote optimum independence and ability with eating.

PROCEDURE:

1. The adjutant will identify residents that would benefit from assistive eating devices. The staff member identifying the need for the devices will document the findings in the Resident's chart. Further assessment will be requested as needed from an Occupational Therapist.
2. The Director of Dietary Services or Adjuvant will purchase the specific device.
3. The Dietary Aide will ensure that the assistive device is at the resident's place setting for each meal. The assistive feeding device will be specified on the nutritional care plan.
4. The adjutant will provide instructions to the resident regarding the use of the assistive device.