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PURPOSE


To prevent clogging of Wastewater System that may disrupt hospital services and cause damage to infrastructure.

LEVEL

All employees, patient's, visitors, and all affiliating clinical and non-clinical practitioners.


GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. There is no standard definition of what is flushable, and no standard method to assess flushability.
2. Flushable wipes are not like toilet paper. Their size, strength and material composition prevent them from breaking down in wastewater systems, and even if they break down, they contribute to microplastic pollution in the environment.
3. Flushable wipes are heavier, denser, thicker and have larger surface areas than toilet papers. The researchers found that under wet conditions, flushable wipes maintain most of their strength, as they are composed of synthetic fibers that retain their shape and strength.
4. Research findings showed that none of the wipe samples fell apart or dispersed enough to safely pass through the sewer system without a risk of clogging or causing damage to infrastructure.²
5. Study have shown that wet wipes and sanitary towels are a source of unaccounted white MP fibres in the marine environment, not all flushable wipes are biodegradable and sanitary towels contain Microplastic (MP) fibers. There is a need for increased public awareness of MP pollution in the marine environment from the inapt disposal of sanitary products down the toilet instead of diversion to alternative land-based waste management.



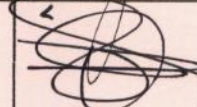
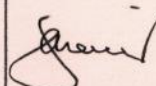

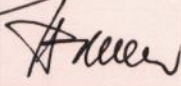

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POLICY

1. Disposal of wet wipes, sanitary napkins, and diapers shall be in the Yellow bin or infectious waste bin and not in the toilet bowl.
2. It shall be reiterated during admission process by admitting clerk, nurses, and housekeeping personnel among patients' watcher(s) proper waste segregation and in accordance with the Republic Act No. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of the Philippines, Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR).
3. RMCi personnel shall consistently practice disposal of tissue paper and wet wipes (flushable or non - flushable) in the Yellow or Infectious waste bin.
4. A poster or any printed materials shall be placed inside the comfort room to remind everybody on how to properly dispose toilet papers, diapers, sanitary napkins and wet wipes.

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FLOWCHART


PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	ACTIVITY
EMPLOYEE	<pre> graph TD START([START]) --> D1{Is there a sign saying "Please don't flush toilet paper/wipes/feminine products?"} D1 -- Yes --> P1[Places the toilet paper/flushable wipes/feminine products in the yellow bin.] D1 -- No --> D2{Is there a bin full of toilet paper/Wipes/feminine products?"} D2 -- Yes --> P1 D2 -- No --> D1 P1 --> END([END]) </pre>
EMPLOYEE	

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Appendix A

Wipes Clog Pipes!

Place these items in the **TRASH** and **NOT** the toilet:

- Disinfecting wipes
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Towelettes
- Mop refills





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DO NOT FLUSH

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DISPOSABLE DIAPERS
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