

FREQUENCY TO CHANGING OUT DISPOSABLE CURTAIN

How Often Should Disposable Privacy Curtains Be Changed?

Cubicle curtains are a proven source of bacterial cross contamination. A curtain can be touched by a patient, visitor or a nurse who could have a Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAIs) on his or her hands. This can lead to a transfer of the HAI to another patient, visitor or staff member. Cubicle curtains are proven to be a major source of infection risk, but cleaning, laundering or disposing of these curtains is often forgotten due to lack of time or understaffing issues. Architex DRx Disposable Privacy Curtains can help reduce this time. With this in mind, using surfaces that can be disposed easily or cleaned effectively is critical. Architex curtains are not often viewed as dirty unless seen on the fabric: Privacy curtains are frequently touched by caregivers and thus can become contaminated, particularly at the edges. Curtains are not always cleaned until they are visibly soiled, which poses an additional risk in health care facilities as viruses and bacteria cannot be detected by the naked eye. Even though these facts are well-known, some healthcare facilities are still not maintaining, disinfecting and replacing damaged or disease-spreading items as is necessary.

We encourage and recommend the following frequency of disposing of Architex DRx Disposable Privacy Curtains:



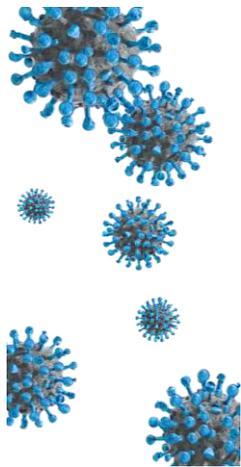
Visually Soiled



Isolation Care



Frequency Schedule Recommended: Quarterly
Consult Your Facility's Infection Control
Department Standards



Frequency of change of Architex DRx Disposable Privacy Curtain during the COVID-19 pandemic:

NOTE: The information provided is solely used for recommendation purposes, please consult with your facility's Infection Control Department.

- Change disposable curtain after patient discharge or transfer.
- Potential Scenario: If two COVID patients in one room and there are disposable curtains for each patient and only one patient gets discharged and another COVID patient is getting admitted in that side of the room, both disposable curtains need to be changed.
- Potential Scenario: If using UV light to disinfect the room, it is still necessary to change the disposable curtain.

It may be challenging to take all precautions practically, but want to emphasize that curtains are touched frequently, and our goal is to recommend the reduction of HAI by:

- Inspect disposable curtain regularly during routine cleaning activities.
- Change disposable curtain when visibly soiled, contaminated with body fluids and at routine intervals set by facility's infection control schedule.
- Follow established frequency for changing privacy curtains, i.e., quarterly, bi-annually per facility's infection control frequency standard.

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