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Provincial Linen Service Updates

Improved terry products on their way

Now that the entire health system is having its linen processed by the new K-Bro plant, older non-standard items are gradually being removed from the provincial linen inventory that was formed when the health regions' and the cancer agency's inventories were combined. Older, defective items are removed, either through the black mesh bag program or large scale culling of non-standard items. As old, defective non-standard items are removed, they are replaced by new items on the provincial standard linen list.

Residents, patients and health care providers are now noticing improved quality in many items including sheets, towels, wash cloths and face cloths.



Beginning in the summer, long-term care facilities will have the opportunity to order specific “long-term care” towels. These towels are designed to provide a more home-like experience for long term care residents. They are larger, softer and more absorbent than the towels normally used in acute care settings. This higher quality product will have a longer life, reducing replacement costs. And since the towel is larger, it is expected that residents will need to use fewer towels. The new inventory will begin to be available in early summer and will be available to all facilities by the end of the summer or early fall.

Under the covers: The real story

In a province where weather extremes are a part of life, there's nothing worse than being too warm or not warm enough. That is why care providers and patients have two options when snuggling up under the covers. Both items can be found in the provincial inventory list.



Sunrise Spread

The Sunrise Spread provides light coverage for a patient or resident. It is a cotton/poly blend, a solid colour and is heavier than a sheet but lighter than a traditional bedspread.

Warm Spread

The Warm Spread is made of brushed 100% polyester patterned knit and provides more warmth than the Sunrise Spread.

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Dining with dignity in Long Term Care

Many residents in long term care enjoy their dining experience. While some may have shaky hands or poor coordination due to poor eyesight or other medical conditions, they still consider meal time an important part of their social life in their home in a long term care residence.

The provincial inventory list offers a dignified option to personal clothing protectors (bibs). Long term care residents can use table napkins to protect their clothing. The napkins are 20" by 20" and are made of spun polyester.



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