Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 34.—Hospitals—Part 1. General.

28-34-31. General sanitation and housekeeping.

(a) Hospitals shall comply with applicable codes.

(b) Suitable equipment shall be provided for the regular cleaning of all interior surfaces. Operating and delivery rooms shall be thoroughly cleaned after each operation or delivery. Patient rooms shall be thoroughly cleaned after discharge. No wax shall be applied to conductive floors which will render them nonconductive. Adequate and conveniently located spaces shall be provided for the storage of janitorial supplies and equipment.

(c) The premises shall be kept neat, clean, and free of rubbish.

(d) Housekeeping procedures shall be written.

(e) All garbage and waste shall be collected, stored, and disposed of in a manner that will not encourage the transmission of contagious disease. Containers shall be washed and sanitized before being returned to work areas or shall be disposable.

(f) All openings to the outer air shall be effectively protected against the entrance of insects and other animals by self-closing doors, closed windows, screening, controlled air currents, or other effective means. Screening material shall not be less than 16 mesh to the inch or equivalent.

(g) A sufficient supply of cloth or disposable towels shall be available so that a fresh towel can be used after every handwashing. Common towels are prohibited.

(h) There shall be adequate handwashing facilities conveniently located.

(i) Common drinking cups shall be prohibited.

(j) Dry sweeping and dusting shall be prohibited. Use of a rotary buffer shall be prohibited in areas such as isolation to aid in reducing the spread of pathogenic bacteria.

(k) Adequate and conveniently located toilet facilities shall be provided.

(l) Periodic checks shall be made throughout the buildings and premises to enforce sanitation procedures. The times and results of such checks shall be recorded. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 65-431; effective Jan. 1, 1974.)

***** Authenticated Kansas Administrative Regulation *****