

Pillows should be protected from becoming wet with blood, bodily discharges or by other fluids. They should be protected by pillow covers which are changed at regular intervals.

Care Of Furniture

Furniture commonly seen in the client's unit are bedstead, tables, charts, lockers, stools, cupboards, etc. They may be made of iron or wood.

Dust the wooden furniture with damp duster. Clean them with soap and water if necessary. Keep them dry. If stains are present, scrape and polish them.

Iron furniture is cleaned with a dry duster. Keep them dry to prevent rusting. If dirty/rusty (clean) painting is done.

The cupboards in the client's unit should be cared appropriately. The articles should be arranged according to their size, shape and use. Lining the shelves with paper gives a neat

appearance and prevent them from becoming dirty. The cupboards in which articles are present, the articles should be absolutely dry before they are kept in the cupboards. The articles are protected from the moths using naphthalene balls. Keep the door closed always.

Care Of Client's Unit

It is the duty of the nurse to ensure that the client's unit is kept clean and tidy at all times. She should learn all the cleaning skills in order to teach others and should willingly clean where necessary. The client and relatives are also taught to keep the unit clean and tidy.

Care Of the Flooring

The method of cleaning depends upon the type of the flooring. Generally, the floors are mopped with mops of good quality. Vacuum cleaners may be used. Most of the floors are washed with

soap and water. Abrasives tend to scratch most of the floors. Acids and alkalies are injurious to the surface glaze. If floor becomes stained, it should be removed immediately using a stain remover if necessary. Care is taken to wash off the stain remover with clean water and dried immediately.

The wooden floors are kept well polished. They are mopped daily. Water should be wiped off immediately to prevent staining.

Cement floors can be cleansed with hot water and weak solution of sodium carbonate. Floors can then be thoroughly rinsed with clean water and dried.

Marble floors are cleansed with a mild alkaline solution such as soap, soda bicarb etc. Any acid tend to dull and decompose the marble surface. Occasionally, polishing with wax will keep up the surface glazing.

Care Of walls

Method of cleaning depends upon the type of the walls. Cement and marble walls can be cleaned in the same way as the floors.