



Keeping Patients Safe Contaminated Mattresses

Hospital bed mattresses used on hospital beds. Worn or damaged covers can reveal the mattress and its underlying structure to patients in direct contact with a contaminated surface. Follow the steps below to help keep covers in good condition and to identify when mattresses are worn or damaged.



Develop a plan

- Create an inspection plan for all hospital bed mattresses and mattress covers in your facility.
- Check the manufacturers' guidelines for instructions on identifying and identifying damaged mattress covers and how any additional actions are listed.
- Contact the mattress cover manufacturer for any additional actions not covered here.



Inspect

- Regularly inspect the hospital bed mattress cover for any visible damage, such as cuts, tears, or holes.
- Routinely remove the hospital bed mattress cover and check its inside surface. The cover is present if it is present at the mattress top, sides, and bottom of the mattress.
- Be aware that it may be difficult to identify damaged mattresses.



Replace

- Remove any damaged mattress covers from your facility's procedures and replace them.
- Immediately replace any hospital bed mattresses to reduce the risk of infection to patients.



Clean

- Clean and disinfect undamaged hospital bed mattresses according to the manufacturer's guidelines.
- DO NOT stick needles into a hospital bed mattress.