

WAC 246-836A-070 Minimum standards of practice for colon hydrotherapy. (1) A colon hydrotherapist shall:

(a) Allow a patient privacy to dress or undress except as may be necessary in emergencies or custodial situations; and

(b) Always provide the patient a gown or draping except as may be necessary in emergencies.

(2) A colon hydrotherapist shall use safe, functional, and hygienic coverage and draping practices during the practice of colon hydrotherapy when the patient is disrobed. Safe, functional, and hygienic coverage and draping means:

(a) The colon hydrotherapist explains and maintains coverage and draping boundaries; and

(b) Movement of the body does not expose the patient's gluteal cleft and perineum beyond that needed to perform the colon hydrotherapy procedure.

(3) The colon hydrotherapist shall use hygienic, safe, and sanitary practices, including:

(a) Wearing gloves during insertion of the speculae;

(b) Using fresh gloves for every patient during insertion;

(c) Being physically present with the patient during insertion;

(d) Not reusing or repurposing disposable materials; and

(e) Cleaning and sterilizing any reusable materials within manufacturer's specifications.

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