

Hot Liquids Handling Protocol

Protocol: To reduce the risk of burn injuries, residents will be evaluated upon admission, quarterly and with change of condition for ability to handle hot liquids.

1. Upon admission and with change of condition the resident's ability to handle hot liquids will be assessed. Based on findings, the resident may be referred to Occupational Therapy for assistance that may include but not be limited to adaptive equipment and therapy to support handling hot liquids.
2. Based on assessment the care plan will be updated and resident identified needs will be communicated to the physician, resident/responsible party and Interdisciplinary Team. Interventions will be resident specific and may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Cooling hot liquids before serving.
 - b. Using a thermal protector.
 - c. Adaptive cups, dishes and utensils.

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Administrator Signature	Date
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Medical Director Signature	Date

Review Dates: _____

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