



**COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING**

**Mangum Regional Medical Center**

TITLE		POLICY	
Cleaning of Paraffin		901	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
Rehabilitation			
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
Rehabilitation Services			

**SCOPE:** All rehabilitation staff that will be cleaning paraffin unit at Mangum Regional Medical Center.

**PURPOSE:** To maintain proper operation and cleanliness of paraffin unit and prevent nosocomial infection and cross-contamination.

**POLICY:** Paraffin unit will be cleaned following manufacturers guidelines:

- Monthly with daily use
- Quarterly with infrequent use

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Clean paraffin unit per schedule or anytime the melted wax has a cloudy appearance or residue noted in the bottom of paraffin tank.
2. Unplug the unit before cleaning so the wax can harden.
3. After the wax solidifies, scrape it into a trash can. Scrape/slash wipe the sides of the tank until all residue is removed.
4. Wipe the tank with a paper towel and facility approved disinfectant.
5. Refill the clean tank with new wax and oil as per manufacturer’s directions on package.
6. Plug in the unit.
  - 6.1 Initial and date Cleaning and Maintenance Log.
7. Check for correct temperature (126°-130° F) prior to initial use.

Reference: Cleaning and Maintenance Log

**REVISIONS/UPDATES**

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change

