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565 MEAL SERVICE

...565.2 Table service shall be provided for all who can and will eat at the table, including wheelchair patients.

565.3 An over-bed table shall be provided for bed patients. Patients who are served meals in their rooms shall be provided with an over-bed table or an over-patient table of sturdy construction.

565.4 The public, personnel, or patients shall not be permitted to eat or drink in the kitchen, dishwashing area, or store room.

565.5 Only dietetic services and administrative personnel shall be allowed in the kitchen.

565.6 Only dietetic services personnel shall be allowed to portion out food for patients or personnel.

...565.7 Trays shall not be set up until the meal is ready to be served. Food shall not be at the patient's place in the dining room until the patient is at the table.

565.9 All food transported to patient rooms or to dining rooms which are not adjacent to the kitchen must be covered. If hot and cold carts are not used to deliver trays, carts must be completely cleaned before the next use.

569 SANITARY CONDITIONS

...569.3 Dishes, silverware, and glasses shall be free of breaks, tarnish, stain, cracks and chips.

There shall be an ample supply to serve all patients. Patients will be furnished knives, forks, and spoons unless there is documentation to indicate the patient is incapable of using these implements

569.4 Vessels used in preparing, serving or storing food shall be made of seamless metal or a nonabsorbent material which can be easily cleaned and shall be used for no other purpose. Enamelware shall not be used.

...569.15 If table covers are used in the dining room they shall be of a fabric which can be laundered. They shall be kept clean and changed at least daily.