

7.) MOUTH CARE (BRUSH A CLIENT'S TEETH)

	Knock on the door.	
	Perform hand hygiene. a. Cover all surfaces of hands with hand sanitizer. b. Rub your hands together until they are completely dry.	
	Explain the procedure to the client.	
	Provide privacy – pull the curtain.	
	Drape the chest with a towel to prevent soiling.	
	Put on gloves.	
	Apply toothpaste to the toothbrush/toothette.	
	Brush all inner surfaces of all upper and lower teeth.	
	Brush all outer surfaces of all upper and lower teeth.	
	Brush all chewing surfaces of all upper and lower teeth.	
	Clean tongue.	
	Clean gums.	
	Assist the client in rinsing their mouth.	
	Wipe the client's mouth.	
	Remove soiled linen.	
	Place soiled linen in a designated hamper.	
	Empty the emesis basin.	
	Rinse the emesis basin.	
	Rinse the toothbrush or dispose of the toothette.	
	Return the emesis basin and toothbrush to storage.	
	Leave the client in a position of comfort and safety.	
	Maintain respectful, courteous interpersonal interactions at all times.	
	Leave the call light or signaling device within easy reach of the client.	
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