

DISINFECTING

DISINFECTION BY FORMALDEHYDE. Measure the room, and for each 1000 cubic feet use two pints of formaldehyde and thirteen ounces of commercial permanganate of potassium. Procedure:—Place a large washbowl, crock, tin dishpan or galvanized iron pan or tub in the centre of the room. Put in the required amount of permanganate of potassium and lastly pour in the required amount of formaldehyde. Permanganate must go in first. Retire immediately after pouring on the formaldehyde, for the formaldehyde gas is promptly released and is injurious if breathed in any quantity. Keep the room closed for at least six hours, then open, air thoroughly, and clean in the usual way.

A STANDARD DISINFECTANT. Dissolve chloride of lime of the best quality in pure water, in the proportion of six ounces to the gallon. Keep in a stone jar or jug. Use one quart of this solution for each discharge from patient suffering with any contagious or infectious disease.

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