

## Local Guideline



**Health**  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

## Use of Mosaic Tiles in Art Therapy

### Sites where Local Guideline applies

#### This Local Guideline applies to:

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| 1. Adults                       | No  |
| 2. Children up to 16 years      | Yes |
| 3. Neonates – less than 29 days | No  |

#### Target audience

Nursing, Medical and Allied Health staff

#### Description

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Yes

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#### Related Legislation, Australian Standard, NSW Ministry of Health Policy Directive or Guideline, National Safety and Quality Health Service Standard (NSQHSS) and/or other, HNE Health Document, Professional Guideline, Code of Practice or Ethics:

- Infection Control and Safety of Toys in Healthcare Facilities – JHCH local guideline 19.1

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#### Local Guideline note

This document reflects what is currently regarded as safe and appropriate practice. The guideline section does not replace the need for the application of clinical judgment in respect to each individual patient but the procedure/s **require mandatory compliance**. If staff believe that the procedure/s should not apply in a particular clinical situation they must seek advice from their unit manager/delegate and document the variance in the patient's health record.

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No

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## PURPOSE AND RISKS

Mosaic tiling with patients is an activity often used in Art Therapy as a medium to promote self-expression through creativity. There is associated risk with cutting tiles and using cut tiles due to their sharp edges. This guideline sets out safe work practices to minimise the risk of injury whilst undertaking these tasks.

This activity can have associated risks due to the sharp nature of the tile edge and the procedure of cutting glass tiles. This document outlines the safe practices recommended to perform this activity and to minimise risk of injury to self or others.

The risk is minimised by:

- Cutting tiles away from the patient using appropriate work area and PPE
- Providing small portions of tiles for each patient
- Ensuring thorough clean up and removal of all tiles and glue on completion of activity

**Risk Category:** Clinical Care & Patient Safety

## GLOSSARY

Acronym or Term	Definition
MACL	Music, Art & Child Life Therapy

## GUIDELINE

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### Who is responsible?

The Art Therapist is responsible for the preparation and supervision of this activity. They are responsible for the safe storage of equipment and ensuring that the work practices set out in this guideline are followed.

Other health professionals (eg: Child Life Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Nurse) engaging in this activity, under guidance from the Art Therapist, are responsible for providing supervision and adhering to this guideline whilst undertaking these activities.

The Head of Department – Music, Art & Child Life (MACL) Therapy is responsible for monitoring compliance with these safe work practices and review of this guideline

### Safe work practices

Mosaic tiling with patients is only to be conducted under direct supervision of a health professional familiar with this guideline

### Preparation:

Tiles are to be disinfected before use with patients using the following method:

- Wipe over the tiles with a neutral detergent solution or neutral detergent wipe. Ensure all areas of the equipment are cleaned thoroughly. Leave to air dry in a clean environment
- Wipe over all areas of the tiles with alcohol wipes (70%). Leave to air dry in a clean environment
- Wipe over the tiles with a neutral detergent solution. Ensure all areas of the equipment are cleaned thoroughly. Leave to air dry in a clean environment

OR

Wipe over tiles with high level disinfectant (Sodium Hypochlorite and/or Sodium hypochlorite wipes) with single use cloths. Leave to air dry in a clean environment

- Tiles that require cutting are to be cut using a tile cutter tool in a suitable preparation space (such as the J2 therapy room; MACL office; outdoor storage shed). Tiles must not be cut in the presence of patients. Protective eyewear should be worn whilst undertaking this activity. Tiles should be covered whilst cut to avoid injury.
- Work surface should be covered in a sheet or waterproof cover to contain any small pieces and allow appropriate disposal
- The area must be checked when task is complete to ensure that no tiles remain on the floor or benches
- Tiles are to be placed sealed containers and transported to the bedside or therapy area on a trolley

Implementation:

- Clinical area should be assessed prior to commencing activity to ensure appropriateness to continue. This may include assessment of space available to undertake the activity; and those in surrounding environment
- Patient/s should be alerted to the risk of potential sharp edges. The Art Therapist will demonstrate correct technique
- Tiles are provided to the patient in small amounts and remaining tiles after task is completed are either disposed of appropriately or cleaned again for re-use.
- Throughout the activity all tiles and PVA glue will be kept in containers and out of reach of infants or toddlers
- On completion of activity the Art Therapist will ensure all equipment is removed from the clinical area
- The Art Therapist will grout the artwork in the MACL office/Allied Health area and return to patient after dry, checking there are no sharp edges

Storage:

- Tiles will be stored in containers in a locked cupboard in the J2 therapy room when not in use

**Staff Preparation**

It is mandatory for staff to follow relevant: "Five moments of hand hygiene", infection control, moving safely/safe manual handling, documentation practices and to use HAIDET for patient/carer communication: **Hand hygiene Acknowledge, Introduce, Duration, Explanation, Thank you or closing comment.**

**IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING COMPLIANCE AND AUDIT**

This guideline is presented to all staff during orientation to the MACL team. Any other health professional who will undertake this activity will require resources from the Art Therapist or the Head of Department – Music, Art & Child Life therapy. They will be directed to this guideline prior to undertaking the activity. The guideline will be displayed inside the cupboard where the resources are stored

The Head of Department – MACL will monitor staff compliance and any concerns through direct observation and discussion where relevant in monthly meeting.

**CONSULTATION**

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**FEEDBACK**

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