

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

Single
Point
Lesson

What is environmental cleaning?

Environmental cleaning: processes associated with cleaning and disinfection of surfaces and substances that can pose a risk of harm to patients

'What shall I clean with?'

A good quality detergent, hand hot water and disposable cloths should be used for general cleaning.

Disinfectants should only be used when necessary e.g. bodily fluid contamination/ spillage and infection outbreaks.

Decontamination of Equipment

- All equipment and medical devices must be stored in a clean and dry environment to eradicate the risk of cross contamination.
- Equipment must be maintained and cleaned regularly and whenever it becomes contaminated. A record of cleaning must be kept
- **Always** wear appropriate PPE when cleaning.

Don't forget to decontaminate ALL equipment

1. Bath/shower chairs – especially underneath!
2. Raised toilet seats
3. Bath
4. Wheelchairs
5. Medical devices – feeding pumps/BP cuffs etc



SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

Outbreak of Diarrhoea and Vomiting

- Use hypochlorite (bleach solution) to clean with
- Increase cleaning frequencies to toilets/door handles and grab rails
- Use disposable cloths
- Wear appropriate PPE whilst cleaning

Patient with Clostridium difficile

- Use hypochlorite (bleach solution) to clean with
- Clean from top surfaces to bottom using sweeping action
- Use disposable cloths
- Use appropriate PPE and dispose of as clinical waste.

Cleaning schedules should be displayed for public to see



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