

## System-Wide Environmental Cleaning

**CORE** Prevention Strategies = Strategies that should always be in place.

**ENHANCED** Prevention Strategies = Strategies to be considered in addition to core strategies when:

- a) There is evidence that the core strategies are being implemented and adhered to consistently
- b) There is evidence of on-going transmission as appropriate
- c) There is evidence that rates are not decreasing as expected
- d) There is evidence of change in pathogenesis as appropriate (e.g. ↑morbidity/mortality)

Safe from HAI	Specific Actions(s)	Audit Questions	Yes	No
System-wide environmental cleaning and disinfection practices	<b>CORE PREVENTION</b> 1) Patient rooms and patient care equipment are appropriately cleaned and disinfected	a) Hospital grade EPA-registered germicide is used for routine disinfection and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. b) Manufacturer product recommendations are followed for use, including contact (dwell) time and dilution. c) Process in place to assess current practices in cleaning disinfection before changing products or processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2) Cleaning/disinfection education for nursing support staff	a) The facility has a process in place to provide cleaning and disinfection education for nursing and support staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3) Provide education and competency testing for environmental services trainers	<b>There is a process in place to require person(s) responsible for environmental services training to:</b> a) Receive education on current environmental cleaning/disinfection practices at least annually b) Complete a competency evaluation of cleaning/disinfection practices at least annually		
	4) Provide cleaning/disinfection training and evaluation for environmental services staff	a) Training materials provided in HCP, prescribers native language (or ensure communication via other means) b) ES staff training includes return demonstrations c) A systematic process is in place to periodically evaluate terminally cleaned rooms d) Processes are in place to address issues identified through evaluations		
	5) Provide competency testing to environmental services staff	a) ES staff training includes written or verbal competency testing which includes demonstrated understanding of the rationale for cleaning/disinfecting components b) Expectations in place for ES staff to pass a competency test prior to assignment to patient care areas c) Expectations are in place for ES staff that do not pass the competency test to receive additional training or be assigned to non-patient areas.		
	<b>ENHANCED PREVENTION</b> 6) Establish enhanced cleaning & disinfection practices	a) The Facility has a process to consider technology to monitor for room cleanliness, e.g., ATP, bioluminescence, fluorescent dye/marker, as appropriate b) The facility has a process to consider other technologies for environmental disinfection, e.g., <b>Sanosil Halo (HP5%V &amp; Silver Nitrate) Fogger</b> , UV light		