

Stretcher Cleaning and Disinfection Procedure



We need to ensure that stretchers are cleaned & disinfected between patients (high-touch points, including mattress & handrails), and returned to their designated areas.

There should be no "dirty" stretchers left in hallways or corridors.

The correct process for cleaning & disinfecting a stretcher is as follows:

1. Strip the stretcher of linen as soon as it is no longer in use.
2. Using Accel INTERvention wipes (i.e. accelerated hydrogen peroxide (AHP) 0.5%:
 - i. Take a wipe(s), and using friction (i.e. rub and scrub motion), clean the mattress, side rails and push handles to remove any foreign matter (e.g. blood and body fluids, soil or dust)
 - ii. Take another wipe(s), and using friction (i.e. rub and scrub motion), disinfect the mattress, handles and rails.
 - iii. The disinfectant product needs to remain wet for one minute following disinfection to work. This is called '*wet contact*' or '*dwelling time*'.
 - iv. Disinfection is always followed by air-drying.

There are Accel INTERvention wipes available on all the Units, the main lobby and by the morgue. Please close container caps to ensure product doesn't dry out.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and contribution ensuring Infection Control Best Practice for Patient Safety & Care.