

MEMORANDUM

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To: VCH Operational Directors, Patient Care Managers, Clinical Nurse Educators, Patient Care Coordinators, Patient Access & Bed Flow, Crothall Compass Environmental Services and Clinical Staff

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Subject: 'Clean Sweep'

Please Post for Clinical Staff

Purpose of 'Clean Sweep':

- To remove persistent bio-burden microorganisms from the Unit environment when 'Enhanced Cleaning & Disinfection' measures haven't worked to ↓ clusters of HAIs or clusters of HAIs coupled with CAIs resulting in persistent ↑ bio-burden on a Unit.

Method:

- Cleaning & Disinfection, Top to bottom, clean to dirty, of every patient room, staff lounge, nursing station, charting room, nourishment centre, clean and dirty utility rooms, sterile storage, equipment storage room (i.e. every nook and cranny on the Unit).

Clean Sweep Process:

- Infection Preventionist (IP) discusses need for specific Unit 'Clean Sweep' with the Manager of Environmental Services and the Unit Manager.
- The timing of the 'Clean Sweep' requires a discussion between EVS (Environmental Services) and the Unit Manager and/or Supervisor and PSM (Patient Services Manager).
- Unit Manager to let Infection Preventionist know when the 'Clean Sweep' will begin.
- Unit Manager will let Bed Access know the timing of a 'Clean Sweep' as at least one patient room will need to be blocked for decanting patients.
- Unit 'Clean Sweep' will require at least a couple of days to complete.
- Extra EVS (Environmental Services) staff and extra Unit PCAs (Patient Care Aides) will be necessary.
- Designated Unit 'Clean Sweep Lead' will be necessary to keep this process moving smoothly.

- Units will require at least one empty patient room that has already received an Isolation Clean & Disinfect to move decanted patients. UVC RD (rapid disinfectant) machine follows isolation cleaning & disinfecting if facility has this equipment.
- PCAs will move the decanted patients.
- Once the decanted vacated room been isolation cleaned and disinfected and RDd, another patient is moved into this room and their vacated room goes through the steps above.
- Leave contaminated items (e.g. beds/stretchers/wheelchairs) in the vacated patient room for an Isolation Cleaning and Disinfecting followed by RD (UVC) if this location has a UVC RD machine.
- Remove all detachable items/objects from the room (e.g. bedding, privacy curtains, etc.).
- Discard single-use personal product items from patient room.
- Discard single-use medical equipment from patient room.
- Discard extra exposed stock (e.g. toilet paper rolls, paper towels, etc.).
- Items removed to the soiled utility room for cleaning & disinfecting must have high-touch surfaces wiped prior to removal from patient room.
- Items taken to soiled utility room require thorough cleaning & disinfecting either manual, or through washer/disinfectant, or pre-clean prior to sending to MDRD (Medical Device Reprocessing Department) prior to return to patient room.
- Clean/Disinfect using friction and rub/scrub motion.
- Lighting & ventilation components on the ceiling are wiped with specified cleaning/disinfectant solution.
- Privacy curtain rods and upper surfaces of highly placed fixtures & fittings are wiped with specified cleaning/disinfectant solution in patient room.
- Fixed window covering blinds are wiped in situ.
- All other sites and surfaces are then cleaned & disinfected downward to floor level.
- Ensure items remain wet with cleaning/disinfectant product for stated 'dwell time' (aka 'wet contact time') followed by air-drying. Do not wipe dry.
- Following isolation cleaning & disinfection and use of the RD (UVC), if available in the facility, the patient room can be made up for the next incoming patient.
- Repeat this process until every room on the Unit has received an Isolation Clean & Disinfect followed by (UVC) RD machine, if facility has this machine.
- All open areas on the Unit (e.g. Nursing Station) must receive a thorough declutter before being thoroughly isolation cleaned and disinfected.