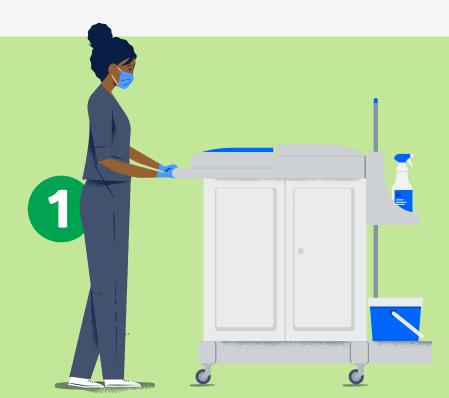
CLEAN FAST AND WELL

What's been on that table? 6 tips to help keep hard surfaces clean.





Standardize cleaning and disinfection protocols

An effective environmental cleaning program takes the right people using the right products and processes the right way.

Dirty truth: C. difficile can live on an unclean surface for up to 5 months4



Clean by sequence to avoid cross contamination

Outline where to start in the room and which cloth, mop, wipe and cleaning product should be used for each surface.





Don't forget to clean mobile and shared devices

Define who is responsible for cleaning shared equipment such as ICU monitors, ventilator surfaces, mobile phones and tablets.



Make sure everyone values their role and responsibility

Boost compliance by helping staff understand how infectious pathogens are spread and the protocols to prevent HAIs.





Use chemicals and cleaning technologies safely

Protect EVS staff while they're cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces with the right personal protective equipment (PPE).

Dirty truth: Every year, **1.7M HAIs** occur in US hospitals¹ and 1.3M infections occur in long-term care facilities²





Track protocol effectiveness and compliance

Use methods like direct observation, fluorescent gel or ATP to determine what's working and what's not⁶. Then take the appropriate steps to keep improving.



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Get more helpful tips. Read the article "Cleaning and disinfection of patient/resident rooms: What's been on that table?"



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