



Healthcare-Associated Infections Program
Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection – Responsibility Assessment

Everyone is responsible for the cleanliness of the care environment. It is recommended to keep an updated checklist of *who cleans what* in your policy. The following items may be used to develop a checklist for assigning cleaning responsibilities among staff. This tool may also be used as an assessment or teaching tool to identify gaps and opportunities for improvement.

Instructions: Ask at least four (4) staff with different titles to list who cleans each item. Compare responses to your facility’s policy. Look for areas where it is unclear who cleans certain items or if there is a mismatch among respondents. Use the results from this exercise to remind and reeducate staff on the importance of environmental cleaning. Example respondents include: infection preventionists, EVS managers, nurses, respiratory therapists, EVS workers.

Who is responsible for cleaning:	Respondent #1 Title:	Respondent #2 Title:	Respondent #3 Title:	Respondent #4 Title:
ABHR dispenser				
Bathroom				
Bedrail				
Blood pressure machine				
Call button				
Charting area				
Floor				
Floor, with large spill				
Glucometer				
In-room computer/keyboard				
IV pole				
IV pump				
Light switch				
Medication cart				
Oxygen tank				
Patient linen				
PPE container				
Privacy curtains				
Reusable thermometer				
Room/toilet sink				
Side table				
TV remote				
Ventilator				
Ventilator alarm in hallway				