

What Infection Preventionists Need to Know About Who Cleans What?



Infection Preventionists should ensure all staff know who cleans and disinfects what at their facility:

- Complete the Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Responsibility Assessment tool with others at your facility to assess what might be overlooked for cleaning and disinfection
- Agree on who cleans and disinfects what. Complete the Who Cleans What reminder template, laminate, and display at nursing stations and on the cleaning carts for reference





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Assessment tool





Scan for Who Cleans What reminder template

Mobile medical equipment is often missed during cleaning and disinfection. Ensure staff know who is responsible for mobile medical equipment.

Mobile medical equipment includes any items:

- Used by healthcare workers to touch patients (e.g., stethoscopes, bladder scanners)
- Frequently touched by healthcare workers and patients (e.g., IV poles, walking assistive devices)
- Often shared between patients (e.g., blood pressure cuffs, patient lifts, scales)





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Best Practices for Selection and Care of Non-Critical Patient Care Equipment*

- Clean and disinfect all equipment using the methods and products available at your facility.
- Ensure all equipment includes
 detailed written instructions for
 cleaning and disinfection from the
 manufacturer, including pictorial
 instructions if disassembly is required.
- Train the staff responsible for equipment cleaning and disinfection procedures before the equipment is used.

- In patient care areas, involve the
 infection preventionist in purchasing
 decisions to ensure manufacturer's
 instructions for use (IFU), including
 cleaning and disinfection, can be followed.
- A list of compatible cleaning and disinfection products should be included in IFUs or provided by the manufacturer upon request.

*Non-critical patient care equipment includes those items that come in contact with intact skin but not mucous membranes.

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Tip: Reassess assessment tools and templates annually.

