Best Practices in Disinfection of Noncritical Surfaces in the Healthcare Setting

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Environmental Contamination Leads to HAIs Weber, Kanamori, Rutala. Curr Op Infect Dis 2016:29:424-431



- Evidence environment contributes
 Role-MRSA, VRE, *C. difficile*
- Surfaces are contaminated-~25%
- EIP survive days, weeks, months
- Contact with surfaces results in hand contamination
- Disinfection reduces contamination
- Disinfection (daily) reduces HAIs
- Rooms not adequately cleaned

Admission to Room Previously Occupied by Patient C/I with Epidemiologically Important Pathogen Weber, Kanamori, Rutala. Curr Op Infect Dis 2016:29:424-431



- Results in the newly admitted • patient having an increased risk of acquiring that pathogen by 39-353%
- For example, increased risk for *C. difficile* is 235% (11.0%) vs 4.6%)

Objective

Institute Practices that Prevent All Infectious Disease Transmission via Environment

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Blood Pressure Cuff Non-Critical Patient Care Item





Surface Disinfection Noncritical Patient Care Rutala, Weber, HICPAC. CDC 2008. <u>www.cdc.gov</u>

- Disinfecting Noncritical Patient-Care Items
 - Process noncritical patient-care equipment with a EPAregistered disinfectant at the proper use dilution and a contact time of at least 1 min. *Category IB*
 - Ensure that the frequency for disinfecting noncritical patientcare surfaces be done minimally when visibly soiled and on a regular basis (such as after each patient use or once daily or once weekly). *Category IB*



Surface Disinfection Environmental Surfaces Rutala, Weber, HICPAC. CDC 2008. <u>www.cdc.gov</u>

Disinfecting Environmental Surfaces in HCF

- Disinfect (or clean) housekeeping surfaces (e.g., floors, tabletops) on a regular basis (e.g., daily, three times per week), when spills occur, and when these surfaces are visibly soiled. *Category IB*
- Use disinfectant for housekeeping purposes where: uncertainty exists as to the nature of the soil on the surfaces (blood vs dirt); or where uncertainty exists regarding the presence of multi-drug resistant organisms on such surfaces. *Category II*

It appears that not only is disinfectant use important but how often is important

Daily disinfection vs clean when soiled

Daily Disinfection of High-Touch Surfaces Kundrapu et al. ICHE 2012;33:1039

Daily disinfection of high-touch surfaces (vs cleaned when soiled) with sporicidal disinfectant (PA) in rooms of patients with CDI and MRSA reduced acquisition of pathogens on hands after contact with surfaces and of hands caring for the patient



FIGURE 1. Effect of daily disinfection of high-touch environmental surfaces on acquisition of *Clostridium difficile* and methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) on gloved hands of investigators after contact with the surfaces. A, Percentage of positive C, difficile cultures; B, mean number of C. difficile colony-forming units acquired; C, percentage of positive MRSA cultures; D, mean number of MRSA colonyforming units acquired.

EVIDENCE THAT ALL TOUCHABLE ROOM SURFACES ARE EQUALLY CONTAMINATED

TABLE 1. Precleaning and Postcleaning Bacterial Load Measurements for High-, Medium-, and Low-Touch Surfaces

Mean CFUs/RODAC (95% CI)

Surface (no. of samples)	Precleaning	Postcleaning
High (n = 40)	71.9 (46.5–97.3)	9.6 (3.8–15.4)
Medium $(n = 42)$	44.2 (28.1-60.2)	9.3 (1.2–17.5)
Low $(n = 37)$	56.7 (34.2–79.2)	5.7 (2.01–9.4)

Huslage K, Rutala W, Gergen M, Sickbert-Bennett S, Weber D ICHE 2013;34:211-2

NOTE. CFU, colony-forming unit; CI, confidence interval.

Ward HCWs'		Culture sites ^a						
	HCWs' hands	Surfaces distant from patients	Surfaces close to patients	Prevalence of contamination				
Α	3/10 (30%)	0/22 (0%)	6/25 (24.0%)	9/57 (15.8%)				
В	2/9 (22.2%)	4/19 (21.1%)	5/48 (10.4%)	11/76 (14.5%)				
С	2/10 (20%)	2/26 (7.7%)	7/49 (14.3%)	11/85 (12.9%)				
D	1/9 (11.1%)	2/24 (18.2%)	7/45 (15.6%)	10/78 (12.8%)				
E	0/5 (0%)	4/22 (18.2%)	3/30 (10%)	7/57 (12.3%)				
F	1/10 (10%)	0/11 (0%)	4/31 (12.9%)	5/52 (9.6%)				
G	0/3 (0%)	2/14 (14.3%)	0/20 (0%)	2/37 (5.4%)				
Н	1/10 (10%)	0/16 (0%)	1/55 (1.8%)	2/81 (2.5%)				
Total	10/66 (15.2%)	14/154 (9.1%)	33/303 (10.9%)	57/523 (10.9%)				

Willi I, Mayre A, Kreidl P, et al. JHI 2018;98:90-95

HCW, healthcare worker.

^a Number of contaminated samples/number of samples obtained.

ALL "TOUCHABLE" (HAND CONTACT) SURFACES SHOULD BE WIPED WITH DISINFECTANT

"High touch" objects only recently defined (no significant differences in microbial contamination of different surfaces) and "high risk" objects not epidemiologically defined. Cleaning and disinfecting is one-step with disinfectant-detergent. No pre-cleaning necessary unless spill or gross contamination.

Evaluation of Hospital Floors as a Potential Source of Pathogen Dissemination Koganti et al. ICHE 2016. 37:1374; Deshpande et al. AJIC 2017. 45:336.

- Effective disinfection of contaminated surfaces is essential to prevent transmission of epidemiologically-important pathogens
- Efforts to improve disinfection focuses on touched surfaces
- Although floors contaminated, limited attention because not frequently touched
- Floors are a potential source of transmission because often contacted by objects that are then touched by hands (e.g., shoes, socks)
- Non-slip socks contaminated with MRSA, VRE (Mahida, J Hosp Infect. 2016;94:273

Recovery of Nonpathogenic Viruses from Surfaces and Patients on Days 1, 2, and 3 After Inoculation of Floor Near Bed Koganti et al. ICHE 2016. 37:1374

- Found that a nonpathogenic virus inoculated onto floors in hospital rooms disseminated rapidly to the footwear and hands of patients and to high-touch surfaces in the room
- The virus was also frequently found on high-touch surfaces in adjacent rooms and nursing stations
- Contamination in adjacent rooms in the nursing station suggest HCP contributed to dissemination after acquiring the virus during contact with surfaces or patients
- Studies needed to determine if floors are source of transmission

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LOW-LEVEL DISINFECTION FOR NONCRITICAL EQUIPMENT AND SURFACES

Rutala, Weber. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol. 2014;35:855-865

Exposure time <u>></u> 1 r	nin
Germicide	Use Concentration
Ethyl or isopropyl alcohol	70-90%
Chlorine	100ppm (1:500 dilution)
Phenolic	UD
lodophor	UD
Quaternary ammonium (QUAT)	UD
QUAT with alcohol	RTU
Improved hydrogen peroxide (HP)	0.5%, 1.4%
Peracetic acid with HP (<i>C. difficile</i>)	UD

UD=Manufacturer's recommended use dilution; others in development/testing-electrolyzed water; polymeric guanidine; cold-air atmospheric pressure plasma (Boyce Antimicrob Res IC 2016. 5:10)

Microbiological Disinfectant Hierarchy

Rutala WA, Weber DJ, HICPAC. www.cdc.gov



MOST PREVALENT PATHOGENS CAUSING HAI

Rutala, Weber. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol. 2014;35:855-865; Weiner et al ICHE 2016;37:1288

- Most prevent pathogens causing HAI (easy to kill)
 - *E. coli* (15.4%)
 - *S. aureus* (11.8%)
 - Klebsiella (7.7%)
 - Coag neg Staph (7.7%)
 - *E. faecalis* (7.4%)
 - *P. aeruginosa* (7.3%)
 - *C. albicans* (6.7%)
 - *Enterobacter* sp. (4.2%)
 - *E. faecium* (3.7%)

- Common causes of outbreaks and ward closures (relatively hard to kill)
 - *C. difficile* spores
 - Norovirus
 - Rotavirus
 - Adenovirus

EFFECTIVENESS OF DISINFECTANTS AGAINST MRSA AND VRE

Rutala WA, et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2000;21:33-38

TABLE 2

DISINFECTANT ACTIVITY AGAINST ANTIBIOTIC-SUSCEPTIBLE AND ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT BACTERIA

	Log ₁₀ Reductions							
Product	VSE		VRE		MSSA		MRSA	
	0.5 min	5 min	0.5 min	5 min	0.5 min	5 min	0.5 min	5 min
Vesphene IIse	>4.3	>4.3	>4.8	>4.8	>5.1	>5.1	>4.6	>4.6
Clorox	>5.4	>5.4	>4.9	>4.9	>5.0	>5.0	>4.6	>4.6
Lysol Disinfectant	>4.3	>4.3	>4.8	>4.8	>5.1	>5.1	>4.6	>4.6
Lysol Antibacterial	>5.5	>5.5	>5.5	>5.5	>5.1	>5.1	>4.6	>4.6
Vinegar	0.1	5.3	1.0	3.7	+1.1	+0.9	+0.6	2.3

Abbreviations: MRSA, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus; MSSA, methicillin-susceptible S aureus; VRE, vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus; VSE, vancomycin-susceptible Enterococcus. Data represent mean of two trials (n=2). Values preceded by ">" represent the limit of detection of the assay. Assays were conducted at a temperature of 20°C and a relative humidity of 45%. Results were calculated as the log of Nd/No, where Nd is the titer of bacteria surviving after exposure and No is the titer of the control.

Surface Disinfection: Treatment Time (Wipes/Sprays) versus Contact Time (Liquids) Rutala, Weber. ICHE 2018;39

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COMMENTARY

Surface Disinfection: Treatment Time (Wipes and Sprays) Versus Contact Time (Liquids)

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(See the article by Rutala W, Weber DJ, Selection of the ideal disinfectant. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 2014;35:855–865.)

In 2014, we published a paper on the "Selection of the Ideal Disinfectants."¹ Disinfectant selection (ie, disinfectant product) is 1 of 2 essential components for effective disinfection. The other component, the practice, is the thorough application of the disinfectant such that the disinfectant contacts all contaminated surfaces. This practice should include proper training of hospital staff, especially environmental services and nursing staff, and adherence to the manufacturer's label instructions. The combi-

The EPA position is this: "By law, all applicable label instructions on EPA-registered products must be followed. If the user selects exposure conditions that differ from those on the EPA-registered product label, the user assumes liability from any injuries resulting from off-label use and is potentially subject to enforcement action under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)."^{1,3} According to this position, contact or kill times for the organisms listed on the label must be followed. Currently, EPA-registered disinfectants are available with contact times of 1–4 minutes against most

The term "wetness" is controversial. Based on EPA test, treatment time is the kill time and includes a wet time via wiping as well as the undisturbed time. Duration of wet time is not relevant.

Risk Assessment Worksheet

Justifies to TJC/CMS Off-Label Use for Undisturbed Time after Environmental Disinfection

		Risk-Assessment Worksheet				
Issue: Off-label use for undisturbed time after environmental disinfection						
Assessment Date:	March 5, 2018					
Scoring:	Low = 1 Mode	rate = 3 High = 5				
Team Members:						
Meeting Actions:	Team members evaluted to disinfect noncriticated environment.	uated the evidence and determined that off-la al environmental surfaces and noncritical pati	abel use of undisturbed time was sufficient ent care equipment in a healthcare			
Suggested Quest What is the truth ab	oout disinfectant	Benefit Most manufacturers suggest the user	Risk There is no risk to utilizing a treatment			
contact time?		maintain wetness for the duration of the	time instead of a wet time for the given			
		efficacy of disinfectant wipes by the EPA is	contact time of a disinfectant. Score = 1			
		the Disinfectant Towelette Test. The				
		procedure involves using one towelette to wipe ten carriers/slides. The area of the				
		towelette used for wiping is folded and				
		rotated so as to expose a new surface of				
		generate test cultures, carriers are				
		inoculated using pathogens				
		Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas				
		test procedure involves wiping the slide				
		back and forth for a total of six passes				
L		across the inocula for ±5 seconds of				

Ouaternary Ammonium Absorption Boyce et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2016;37:340-342

- Some cloths can bind Quat disinfectants resulting in decreased Quat delivery to the surface
- When pre-moistened wipes tested, each wipe is tested for active content from the expressed liquid. Thus, any binding that may occur with the applicator is taken into account.



FIGURE 1. Quaternary ammonium concentrations in fluid expressed from microfiber wipers, cotton towels, and 2 types of disposable wipes (types A and B) soaked for varying lengths of time in an in-use concentration of a commercial quaternary ammonium disinfectant.

Cleanability: Effects of Material, Surface Roughness and Presence of Blood and Bacteria on Devices Gonzalez et al. AJIC 2017;45:194-6

Surface roughness can play a role in cleanability and bacteria and soil can adhere differently-significance?



B. atrophaeus Spores Remaining After Cleaning

Fig 1. Polypropylene (PPE) and ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene (UHMWPE) smooth and rough coupons were spotted with *Bacillus atrophaeus* spores alone or spores with blood test soil. Coupons were not cleaned or cleaned with gauze soaked in water, ethanol, or bleach. The data were normalized to the positive (no wipe) controls, which were set as 100%. *b*, bacteria; *b*&s, bacteria plus soil.

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Thoroughness of Environmental Cleaning Carling et al. ECCMID, Milan, Italy, May 2011



Practice* NOT Product

*surfaces not wiped

Thoroughness of Environmental Cleaning Carling and Herwaldt. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2017;38:960–965

Hospitals can improve their thoroughness of terminal room disinfection through fluorescent monitoring



FIGURE 4. A comparison of the results of the 3 previously published multisite studies compared with results from the Iowa project. White bars represent the average baseline TDCs and black bars represent the average final TDCs for sites that completed each study.

MONITORING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CLEANING

Cooper et al. AJIC 2007;35:338

- Visual assessment-not a reliable indicator of surface cleanliness
- ATP bioluminescence-measures organic debris (each unit has own reading scale, <250-500 RLU)
- Microbiological methods-<2.5CFUs/cm²-pass; can be costly and pathogen specific
- Fluorescent marker-transparent, easily cleaned, environmentally stable marking solution that fluoresces when exposed to an ultraviolet light (applied by IP unbeknown to EVS, after EVS cleaning, markings are reassessed)

Percentage of Surfaces Clean by Different Measurement Methods

Rutala, Kanamori, Gergen, Sickbert-Bennett, Huslage, Weber. APIC Poster 2017.

Fluorescent marker is a useful tool in determining how thoroughly a surface is wiped and mimics the microbiological data better than ATP



Scatterplot of ATP Levels (less than 5000 RLUs) and Standard Aerobic Counts (CFU/Rodac)

Rutala, Kanamori, Gergen, Sickbert-Bennett, Huslage, Weber. APIC 2017



There was no statistical correlation between ATP levels and standard aerobic plate counts.

Future Methods to Ensure Thoroughness

Future May Have Methods to Ensure Thoroughness Such as Colorized Disinfectant

Kang et al. J Hosp Infect 2017

Colorized disinfection – contact time compliance



- Color-fading time matched to disinfectant contact time --> enforces compliance
- · Provides real-time feedback when disinfection is complete
- Trains staff on importance of contact time as they use the product

Colorized disinfection – improved coverage



- Increased visibility when disinfecting surfaces, fewer missed spots
- Real-time quality control that allows staff to monitor thoroughness of cleaning

Novel Chemical Additive That Colorizes Disinfectant to Improve Visualization of Surface Coverage

Mustapha et al . AJIC; 2018:48:191-121

By improving thoroughness will it reduce microbial contamination and reduce transmission?



Bleach + Highlight Bleach

At Application 5 Minutes After Application Bleach Bleach + Highlight Bleach Bleach + Highlight

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Fig 1. (A) Percentage of sites correctly identified by personnel as having or not having bleach application when testing occurred within 30 seconds of a based on whether Highlight solution (Kinnos Inc, Brooklyn, NY) was added to colorize the bleach solution. (B) Image of a bed rail with applicati bleach-plus-Highlight.

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These interventions (effective surface disinfection, thoroughness indicators) not enough to achieve consistent and high rates of cleaning/disinfection

No Touch

(supplements but do not replace surface cleaning/disinfection)

"NO TOUCH" APPROACHES TO ROOM DECONTAMINATION

(UV/VHP~20 microbicidal studies, 12 HAI reduction studies; will not discuss technology with limited data) Weber, Kanamori, Rutala. Curr Op Infect Dis 2016;29:424-431; Weber, Rutala et al. AJIC; 2016:44: e77-e84; Anderson et al. Lancet 2017;389:805-14; Anderson et al. Lancet Infect Dis 2018;June 2018.



Enhanced Disinfection Leading to Reduction of Microbial Contamination and a Decrease in Patient Col/Infection

Anderson et al. Lancet 2017;289:805; Rutala et al. ICHE In press.

	Standard Method	Enhanced method		
	Quat	Quat/UV	Bleach	Bleach/UV
EIP (mean CFU per room)ª	60.8	3.4	11.7	6.3
Reduction (%)		94	81	90
Colonization/Infection (rate)ª	2.3	1.5	1.9	2.2
Reduction (%)		35	17	4

All enhanced disinfection technologies were significantly superior to Quat alone in reducing EIPs. Comparing the best strategy with the worst strategy (i.e., Quat vs Quat/UV) revealed that a reduction of 94% in EIP (60.8 vs 3.4) led to a 35% decrease in colonization/infection (2.3% vs 1.5%). Our data demonstrated that a decrease in room contamination was associated with a decrease in patient colonization/infection. First study which quantitatively described the entire pathway whereby improved disinfection decreases microbial contamination which in-turn reduced patient colonization/infection. This technology ("no touch"-e.g., UV/HP) should be used (capital equipment budget) for terminal room disinfection (e.g., after discharge of patients on Contact Precautions).

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Our Responsibility to the Future

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How Will We Prevent Infections Associated with the Environment?

Implement evidence-based practices for surface disinfection

- Ensure use of safe and effective (against emerging pathogens such as *C. auris* and CRE) low-level disinfectants
- Ensure thoroughness of cleaning (new thoroughness technology)
- Use "no touch" room decontamination technology proven to reduce microbial contamination on surfaces and reduction of HAIs at terminal/discharge cleaning
- Use new continuous room decontamination technology that continuously reduces microbial contamination

THANK YOU! www.disinfectionandsterilization.org

