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Environmental Cleaning 60 Second Check

- An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered hospital disinfectant should be used for environmental disinfection.
 - Manufacturer recommendations should be followed for concentration & contact time.
 - For a list of EPA approved products visit:
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/selected-epa-registered-disinfectants>
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) should be worn when cleaning surfaces or equipment currently and/or previously used by another person.
- On a daily basis, frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected, such as:
 - Bed tables and bed rails
 - Doorknobs
 - Countertops
 - Sinks
- Used cleaning solutions should be discarded, and housekeeping equipment should be rinsed and allowed to dry prior to reuse.
- Replace dirty cloths and mop heads with clean items each time a bucket of disinfectant is emptied and replaced with fresh, clean solution.
- Soiled linen should be handled as little as possible to prevent contamination and aerosolization of pathogens. Standard precautions should be followed when handling soiled linens.
- When a patient has been discharged, all surfaces (horizontal and vertical) should be cleaned and disinfected.
- Surfaces and objects should be cleaned in order from least contaminated to most contaminated (e.g., sinks and counters before toilets).

To view the entire guidance document visit:
www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/eic_in_hcf_03.pdf

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