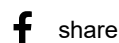# Standard precautions: Environmental cleaning and disinfection

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The health care environment contains a diverse population of microorganisms and can be a reservoir for potential pathogens. If environmental cleaning is not performed correctly, then environmental contamination can contribute to the spread of multidrug-resistant organisms and health care-associated infections. Collaboration between infection prevention and control (IPC) and environmental services (EVS) staff limits the role of the health care environment in disease transmission.

📆 Self-paced

🌐 Language: English

🏷 COVID-19

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Course information

Overview: In this course, you will learn the role of an IPC professional in environmental cleaning and understand how cleaning and disinfection prevents contamination of the health care environment.

Learning objectives: By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- describe areas of collaboration between IPC and environmental services;

- describe the health care environment and purpose of environmental cleaning;

- identify differences between routine and terminal cleaning;

- describe standard precautions to keep environmental services workers safe;

- explain the function of cleaning agents and disinfectants; and

- describe uses of environmental monitoring in the health care setting.

Course duration: Approximately 1 hour.

Certificates: A Record of Achievement will be issued to participants who receive **at least 70% on the post-test**. You will have a **total of 3 attempts** on the post-test to be eligible to receive a certificate.

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Certificate Requirements

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