



Cleaning and Low-Level Disinfecting of Medical Equipment

Effective cleaning and low-level disinfection of medical equipment prevents cross-contamination and reduces healthcare-associated infections.

Best Practices for Cleaning and Disinfection

- **Defined Roles:** Each team member, including contracted staff, has clearly assigned responsibilities for cleaning and disinfecting.
- **Visual Indicators:** Soiled equipment is marked and/or placed in designated areas for cleaning and disinfection.
- **Validation Process:** Equipment is checked prior to use to ensure it has been cleaned and low-level disinfected.
- **Engaging Clients:** Patients and their families are invited to ask questions and express concerns regarding the cleanliness of equipment.
- **Appropriate Supplies:** Teams utilize approved chemicals, personal protective equipment (PPE), and testing materials.
- **Safe Handling Procedures:** Equipment and supplies are stored, transported, and disposed of safely, adhering to manufacturer guidelines and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) standards.
- **Ongoing Training:** Training is provided during orientation, whenever procedures change, and on a regular basis, focusing on safety practices, chemical handling, and incident reporting.
- **Commitment to Quality Improvement:** Teams monitor the cleaning and low-level disinfecting of medical equipment and feedback to enhance cleaning and disinfection processes.