

# ACCREDITATION

## Required Organizational Practice (ROP) of the Month

### CLEANING AND LOW-LEVEL DISINFECTION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

- The Required Organizational Practice (ROP) for **Cleaning and Low-Level Disinfection of Medical Equipment** states that teams ensure medical equipment is cleaned and low-level disinfected to mitigate the risk of transmission of healthcare-associated infections.
- This is a new ROP for the 2026 Accreditation survey.
- It applies to cleaning and low-level disinfecting of **medical equipment**, which is non-invasive and contacts intact skin (e.g., wheelchairs, IV poles, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, nail clippers, commodes), in care/service environments.
- **Why this matters:** Proper cleaning and low-level disinfection minimizes transmitting organisms from one patient to another and reduces the risk of healthcare-associated infections.

### AT HEALTH PEI:

We follow these guidelines:

- Procedures and manufacturer instructions for low level cleaning and disinfecting available at point of use.
- Roles and responsibilities clearly defined.
- Shared equipment is to be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Instructions for equipment that is difficult to clean (disassembly/reassembly) are readily accessible
- Ready to use wipes (Oxivir TB and Rescue) are readily available
- Proper handling, transport, and storage of medical equipment before and after cleaning.
- Processes to clearly identify clean medical equipment from contaminated (used) medical equipment
- Correct storage, preparation, and use of chemical agents.
- Periodic compliance assessments and visual observation checks.

#### Questions Surveyors May Ask Staff:

- Where can you find the procedure for cleaning and disinfecting medical equipment?
- How do you know what chemical agents to use?
- How often do you clean and disinfect equipment in your area?
- What steps do you take for equipment that is difficult to clean?