

The 5 Rights of Cleaning & Disinfection



With healthcare-associated infection rates and multidrug-resistant organisms on the rise, and new pathogens emerging, a robust environmental cleaning and disinfection program is more important today than ever before. Doe Kley, Senior Infection Preventionist for Clorox Healthcare®, outlined a framework called the 5 Rights of Cleaning & Disinfection to help facilities clean up their cleaning and disinfection programs. The 5 rights include: the right product, the right location, the right people, the right moments and the right application.



The right **PRODUCT**

Use an EPA-registered disinfectant with kill claims for a minimum of *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Disinfectants are available in different forms, such as ready-to-use wipes, trigger sprays, pull-top bottles and concentrates.



The right **LOCATION**

Develop protocols specific to each location in the facility that address which products to use and how frequently to use them in that space.



The right **PEOPLE**

Everyone has a role in infection prevention. While environmental services staff have primary responsibility for surface cleaning and disinfection, other disciplines, such as doctors and nurses, can help.



The right **MOMENTS**

The right moments include time of day and frequency. Routine disinfection should take place at least once a day, but contamination events may require targeted disinfection in the moment.



The right **APPLICATION**

Follow instructions for use for the disinfectant you are using as well as the equipment being disinfected. Clean surfaces methodically.

Conclusion

By following the 5 Rights, you can help create a cleaner, healthier space for all.