

Cleaning & Disinfection Checklists for the Operating Room

Clearly Define Cleaning and Disinfection Responsibilities

Operating rooms contain many different types of surfaces and equipment which require cleaning and disinfection. Work as a team to ensure there is an owner for each surface or piece of equipment.

A sample responsibility grid is shown below and is a useful tool that operating room teams can use to clearly define cleaning and disinfection responsibilities.

Item	Between Procedures	Terminal	Responsibility
Anesthesia machine, cart, IV pump & pole	✓	✓	Anesthesia Tech
Back table	✓	✓	EVS
Cabinet doors	As needed	✓	EVS
Chairs, stools, step stools	✓	✓	EVS
Computer (including keyboard, mouse, screens)	✓	✓	EVS
Equipment & booms	✓	✓	Facility to determine
Floors	✓	✓	EVS
High touch surfaces (e.g., door handle or push plates, light switches, telephone, etc.)	✓	✓	EVS
Linen hamper	As needed	✓	EVS
Mayo & ring stands	✓	✓	EVS
OR light & handle	✓	✓	EVS
OR table including controls, mattress, side rails, table straps, positioning and transfer devices, attachments	✓	✓	EVS
Patient monitors	✓	✓	EVS
Radiology equipment	As needed	✓	Facility to determine
Regulators (e.g., suction, medical gasses)	✓	✓	EVS
Scrub sinks	As needed	✓	EVS
Sterile processing areas & department	As needed	✓	EVS
Supply carts	As needed	✓	EVS
Vents/grills for return air	As needed	✓	EVS
Walls & ceilings	Spot clean as needed	As needed and thoroughly per facility routine	EVS
Waste receptacles & kick buckets	✓	✓	EVS
Wheels, casters	As needed	✓	EVS
Staff offices, lounges and locker rooms	Nightly		EVS
Electronic communication devices (e.g., cell phone, pager)	✓	✓	Device Owner/ User

Notes

- ▶ Nursing staff to damp dust all horizontal/level surfaces before first case of the day.
- ▶ Follow manufacturer instructions for use (IFU) when cleaning and disinfecting equipment.
- ▶ For floors, clean and disinfect using a new mop head each time between cases. For terminal cleaning, clean and disinfect floors using a wet vacuum or single-use mop.
- ▶ At the end of each shift, clean and disinfect cleaning tools, equipment and EVS cart.

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Develop and Utilize Checklists

Consider developing and utilizing checklists to help team members compliantly clean the OR both between procedures and at the end of the day. A sample checklist is presented below and can be used as a starting point for both between procedure and terminal cleaning and disinfection in the operating room.

Operating Room Cleaning and Disinfection Checklist:

Name: _____ Date: _____ Room Number: _____ Staff Initials _____

Item	Cleaned	Not in Room	Comments
Anesthesia machine, cart, IV pump & pole			
Back table			
Cabinet doors			
Chairs, stools, step stools			
Computer (including keyboard, mouse, screens)			
Electronic communication devices (e.g., cell phone, pager)			
Equipment & booms			
Floors			
High touch surfaces (e.g., door handle or push plates, light switches, telephone, etc.)			
Linen hamper			
Mayo & ring stands			
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Scrub sinks			
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Supply carts			
Vents/grills for return air			
Walls & ceilings			
Waste receptacles & kick buckets			
Wheels, casters			

Please comment on any areas not referenced above: _____

This operating room looks clean and ready for use: _____

Employee signature: _____

Supervisor signature,
depending on your facility's procedures: _____

For further information, contact: _____



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