

Keeping our Environment Clean

Measuring our Success

There are many ways we validate the cleanliness of our environment. This is an essential piece of infection prevention because a clean environment translates into a low-transmission potential. That is our goal.

Hand Hygiene Observations. Hands are the most frequent tools used in caring for our patients. Multiple layers of participation (Infection Control, department level & patient survey after discharge).

ATP Counter. This device measures in 15 seconds how dirty an inanimate surface is.

Cleaning Surveillance. Observing how staff are using the cleaning products (contact time, technique) and if the area/supply is adequately cleaned.

Microbiology cultures. This can identify if a bacteria is on a surface.

There is no one way to measure clean. Our best strategy is to use multiple methods to identify our areas of risk and correct them.



Environmental Surveillance