

Cleaning Protocol for Procedure/Exam Rooms Between Patient Visits

This cleaning protocol below applies to any room regardless of additional precautions

Did an **aerosol generating medical procedure (AGMP)** occur in the room for a patient who had failed the COVID-19 screening process?

- If yes, sufficient air exchanges must occur before cleaning.
 - For an Operating Room (OR), wait 15 minutes
 - For all other rooms, wait 30 minutes.
- If no, proceed with cleaning.

Cleaning Principles:

- Use a disposable hospital approved disinfectant appropriate for the equipment being cleaned and follow manufacturer recommendations for contact time.
 - (Accel INTERvention is 1 minute, Accel Prevention is 3 minutes).
- Use a new disposable disinfectant wipe for each surface to ensure surfaces stay wet for appropriate contact time.
- Clean from least soiled areas to the most soiled and high to low surfaces.

Cleaning Process:

1. Perform hand hygiene and don required PPE as required by;
 - a. Point of Care Risk Assessment
 - b. Additional precautions requirements
2. Discard any used medical supplies or items containing body fluids (e.g. suction, IV bags, etc.), and remove any linens or paper coverings on the stretcher or exam table.
3. Remove your gloves, perform hand hygiene and don clean gloves.
4. Wipe all patient care equipment and wall mounted medical devices, including but not limited to, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, thermometers, exterior suction bottles etc.
5. Wipe furnishings and horizontal surfaces **within 2 m of patient**, including but not limited to, all surfaces of the exam table, computer keypads and chairs.
6. Doff PPE according to protocol and complete hand hygiene.
7. Replace paper coverings or linens on the stretcher or exam table.
8. Remove Additional Precaution signage once clean complete, if applicable.

Please note:

Per routine process, a scheduled clean of this room is required at the end of the day. and is performed by hospital's housekeeping service

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