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INFECTION CONTROL IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND DECONTAMINATION - IS A TERM USED TO DESCRIBE ALL ELEMENTS OF THE HEALTHCARE SETTING I.E., THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, CLEANING OF THE HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT AND THE DECONTAMINATION OF REUSABLE MEDICAL DEVICES AND REUSABLE PATIENT EQUIPMENT.

A DATA LINKAGE STUDY ESTIMATING THE RISK OF INFECTION FOLLOWING SIUP PROCEDURES IN SCOTLAND PUBLISHED OCTOBER 2017 FOUND A POSSIBLE INCREASED RISK OF INFECTION FOLLOWING A SIUP PROCEDURE.



DECONTAMINATION OF COMMUNAL REUSABLE PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT

• ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DECONTAMINATION

NATIONAL FINDINGS FROM A SURVEY OF NHS BOARDS, CONFIRMED ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE LOCALLY DEFINED ALTHOUGH STAFF PERFORMING THE ROLES CAN VARY. A FLOW CHART WAS DEVELOPED TO ASSIST BOARDS IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLEANING.

• ASSESSMENT OF FINANCIAL IMPACT PROTECTING TIME FOR DISCHARGE CLEANS

A NATIONAL SURVEY OF NHS BOARDS CONFIRMED CLINICAL STAFF ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITHIN THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM TIMINGS FOR CLEANING BED SPACE AREAS. 40 MINUTES FOR A STANDARD BED AND 60 MINUTES FOR A SPECIALIST BED SPACE.

• NATIONAL MONITORING TOOL

A REVIEW OF NHS BOARD IPC AUDIT TOOLS FOUND A CONSISTENT APPROACH NATIONALLY FOR AUDIT CRITERIA. VARIATION WAS FOUND REGARDING METHODOLOGY AND APPROACH. A NATIONAL IPC MONITORING FRAMEWORK FOR AUDIT WILL BE DEVELOPED.

• PATHOGEN SURVIVAL REVIEW

HPS CARRIED OUT A LITERATURE REVIEW THAT BUILDS ON THE RESULTS OF A PREVIOUS REVIEW BY KRAMER. EVIDENCE WAS COLLATED AND SUMMARISED FROM 80 EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES ON THE MAXIMUM DURATION OF SURVIVAL ON ENVIRONMENTAL SURFACES OF BACTERIA, VIRUSES AND FUNGI THAT CAUSE HAI.



HOUSEKEEPER EVALUATION

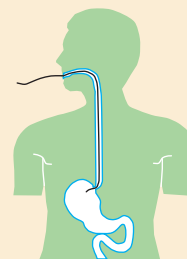
ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES FOR EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL DECONTAMINATION

FOLLOWING THE 2017 UK AND INTERNATIONAL SURVEY ON ALTERNATIVE APPROACHED TO CLEANING, HOUSEKEEPERS WERE IDENTIFIED AS A VALUABLE INTERVENTION FOR THE DECONTAMINATION OF THE HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT AND PATIENT EQUIPMENT. HPS HAVE BEEN EVALUATING THE ROLE OF THE HOUSEKEEPER WITHIN AN NHS SCOTLAND HEALTH BOARD. THE FINDINGS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO SG FOR CONSIDERATION.



DENTAL UNIT WATER LINES GUIDANCE

GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR NHSSCOTLAND FOR THE DECONTAMINATION OF DENTAL CHAIR WATER LINES.



ENDOSCOPY RINSE WATER GUIDANCE

GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR NHSSCOTLAND FOR THE CLINICAL MANAGEMENT OF ENDOSCOPY RINSE WATER TEST RESULTS.