

Figure 4.10

Disinfection and cleaning guidelines

1. Maintain work sites in a clean and sanitary condition.
2. Implement cleaning schedules based on location, type of surface, and type of soil.
3. Immediately decontaminate all contaminated surfaces after spills or after contact with infectious materials.
4. Clean all surfaces that may have become contaminated during the day at the end of each shift.
5. Keep bins, pails, cans, and similar reusable receptacles clean of visible contamination on a regularly scheduled basis.
6. Do not pick up broken glassware that may be contaminated. Use a brush and dust pan, tongs, or forceps.
7. Post this schedule where employees may refer to it.

Sample disinfection and cleaning schedule

Room	Disinfectant:	Floors	Walls	Countertops	Equipment	Other
Minor surgery		Tile Bleach 1:10	Tile Soap and water	Contamination possible Bleach 1:10	Bleach 1:10	
	Frequency:	Daily	Monthly	Daily/on occurrence	Daily	
Examination room #1	Disinfectant:	Carpet (not applicable)	Wallpaper Soap and water	No contamination Bleach 1:10	Same as countertops	Bassinet Citrace after use
	Frequency:	Weekly	Annually	Weekly		
Examination room #2	Disinfectant:	Tile Bleach 1:10	Wallpaper Soap and water	Contamination possible Bleach 1:10	Same as countertops	Sigmoidoscopy Glutaraldehyde after use
	Frequency:	Daily	Quarterly	Daily		
Nurse's station	Disinfectant:	Tile Bleach 1:10	Paint Bleach 1:10	Bleach 1:10	Bleach 1:10	Autoclave Use heat strips at all times
	Frequency:	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Daily	Spore test monthly