

Environmental Cleaning: What CMS Surveyors Are Looking For

CMS surveyors use a worksheet to assess infection control practices during ASC surveys. The section of the worksheet used to assess environmental infection control practices is reproduced below. **Because this the SAME TOOL a CMS surveyor will use to assess environmental infection control practices, it is also a useful SELF-ASSESSMENT tool for an ASC.**

Unless otherwise indicated, a “No” response to any question below will be cited as a deficient practice.

IV. Environmental Infection Control

Observations are to be made of staff who perform environmental cleaning (e.g., surgical technicians, cleaning staff, etc.)

Practices to be Assessed	Was Practice Performed?	Manner of Confirmation
A. Operating rooms are cleaned and disinfected after each surgical or invasive procedure with an EPA-registered disinfectant	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both
B. Operating rooms are terminally cleaned daily	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both
C. High-touch surfaces in patient care areas are cleaned and disinfected with an EPA-registered disinfectant	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both
D. The ASC has a procedure in place to decontaminate gross spills of blood	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both
E. Additional breaches in environmental cleaning not captured by the questions above were identified (If YES, please specify further in comments)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> Observation <input type="radio"/> Interview <input type="radio"/> Both

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