

# Infection Preventionist Lunch and Learn

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# Series Objectives

- Encourage learning, growth, and networking
- Provide non-regulatory education and information
- Discuss topics relevant to new infection preventionists (IPs)

# Infection Prevention Hot Topics



# Today's Discussion

- Common themes and hot topics observed in onsite visits
- Action items for the infection preventionist (IP)

# Common Themes and Hot Topics



# Know Your Products

- Approved by **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
- Effective against **targeted organisms**
- Follow proper **handling instructions**

[CDC: How to Read a Disinfectant Label](https://www.cdc.gov/projectfirstline)

## How to Read a Disinfectant Label

Read the entire label.  
The label is the law!

Note: Below is an example of information that can be found on a disinfectant label

**Active Ingredients:** What are the main disinfecting chemicals?

**EPA Registration Number:** U.S. laws require that all disinfectants be registered with EPA.

**Directions for Use (Instructions for Use):** Where should the disinfectant be used? What germs does the disinfectant kill? What types of surfaces can the disinfectant be used on? How do I properly use the disinfectant?

**Contact Time:** How long does the surface have to stay wet with the disinfectant to kill germs?

**Signal Words (Caution, Warning, Danger):** How risky is this disinfectant if it is swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin?

**Precautionary Statements:** How do I use this disinfectant safely? Do I need PPE?

**First Aid:** What should I do if I get the disinfectant in my eyes or mouth, on my skin, or if I breathe it in?

**Storage & Disposal:** How should the disinfectant be stored? How should I dispose of expired disinfectant? What should I do with the container?

**ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:**  
Allyl (80% C14, 20% C16, 5% C18, 5% C12, 5% C18) \_\_\_\_\_  
Dimethyl Benzyl Ammonium Chloride \_\_\_\_\_ 10.0%

**OTHER INGREDIENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_ 90.0%

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ 100.0%

EPA REG NO. 55555-55-55555

**CAUTION**

**Directions for Use**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:**  
It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

**For Disinfection of Healthcare Organisms:**  
Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa

**To Disinfect Hard, Nonporous Surfaces:**  
Pre-wash surface.  
Mop or wipe with disinfectant solution.  
Allow solution to stay wet on surface for at least 10 minutes.  
Rinse well and air dry.

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS:**  
Hazardous to humans and domestic animals. Wear gloves and eye protection.

**CAUSES MODERATE EYE IRRITATION.** Avoid contact with eyes, skin or clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after handling. Avoid contact with foods.

**FIRST AID: IF IN EYES:** Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing eye.  
**IF ON SKIN OR CLOTHING:** Take off contaminated clothing. Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.

**POISON CONTROL:** Call a Poison Control Center (1-866-366-5048) or doctor for treatment advice.

**STORAGE AND DISPOSAL:** Store this product in a cool, dry area away from direct sunlight and heat. When not in use keep center cap of lid closed to prevent moisture loss. Nonrefillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container.

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# Dwell Time



- Amount of time disinfectant must sit on the surface to **effectively kill germs** being targeted
- **Varies** by pathogen, size and type of surface, and disinfectant's concentration

# Limit Number of Available Products



- Work with **purchasing and department leaders**.
- Consider the **instructions for use** of equipment.
- Ready-to-use products **may be safer** than concentrated products.

# Assign Responsibility



- Both clinical staff and environmental services staff have **responsibility** for cleaning and disinfection.
- **Clearly delineate** which responsibilities belong to whom.



# Separation of Clean and Dirty



Do not use **soiled utility rooms** to store clean items or supplies.

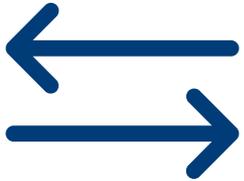


Move shared equipment out of the soiled holding room **after disinfecting**.



Staff should be able to explain **how they know** equipment has been disinfected before use.

# Water Management



Understand how **water enters and moves** within the facility.



Maintain appropriate **water temperatures**.



**Prevent stagnation.**



**Monitor water** according to the plan.

# Proper PPE Use



PPE must be **provided by the employer.**



Employees should be **trained** on standard and transmission-based precautions.



Single use PPE should be used for a **single use only.**

# Multi-dose Medication Vials



Assign multi-dose vials to a **single patient** whenever possible.



If used for multiple patients, always store in a **centralized location**.



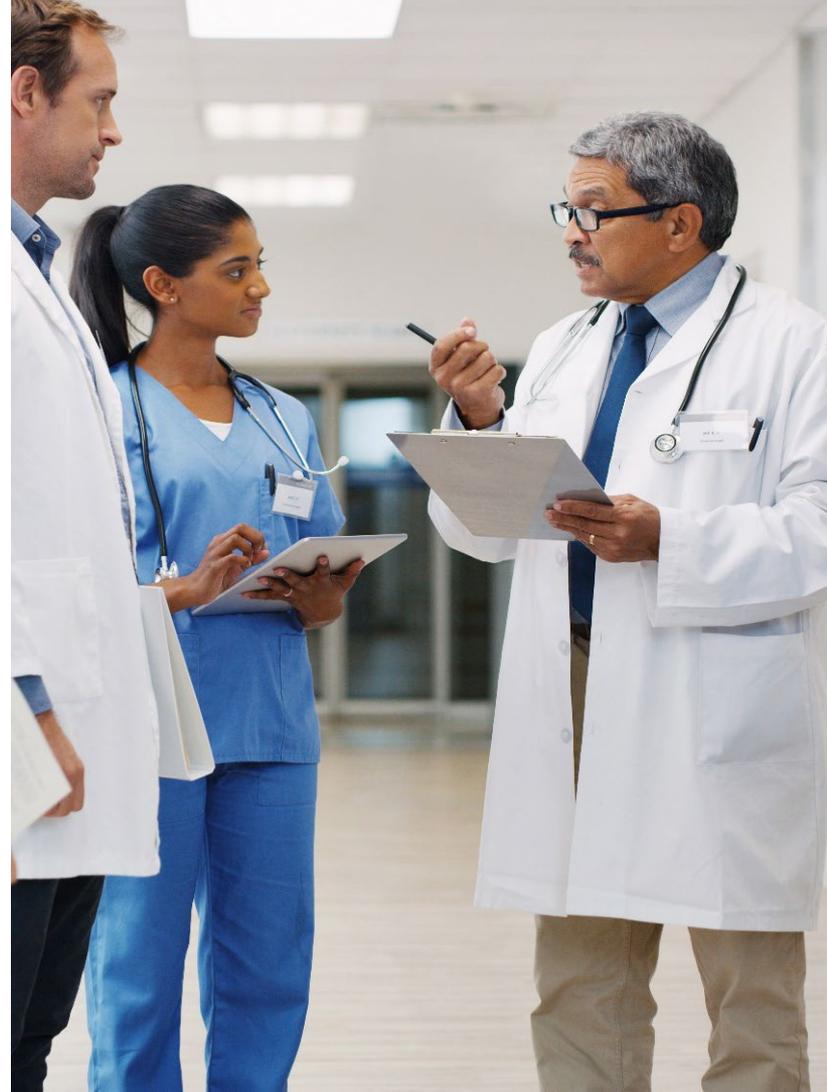
Once open, the expiration date is **28 days** unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer.

# Action Items for IPs



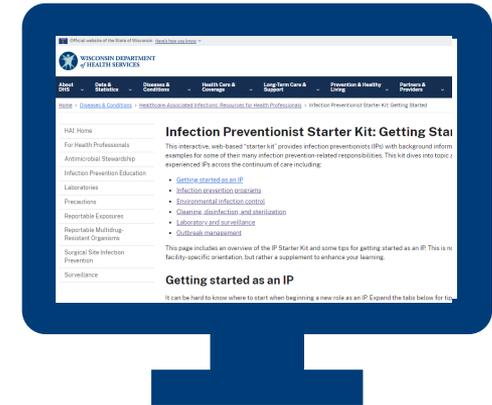
# Assessing Environmental Risks

- **Collaborate** with facility staff, maintenance, environmental services, and frontline workers.
- Perform environmental **rounding**.
- Incorporate **audits** into IP work.



# IP Starter Kit

- Interactive, web-based [resource](#)
- Background information, resources, and templates
- Covers topics applicable to IPs across care settings



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# Send your questions and topic suggestions.

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# **Upcoming Lunch and Learn Session**

**Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**Topic: Respiratory Protection Programs**