

C. DIFFICILE CLEANING BUNDLE

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BASIC	ENHANCED
<p>Can be used when no evidence of healthcare transmission of CDI has occurred</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be used as a standard practice • Should be used in a hyperendemic (high and continued incidence) or outbreak/cluster situation
<p>CURTAINS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient curtains are taken down, laundered and replaced at time of discharge 	
<p>DAILY CLEANING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily cleaning of patient/resident room, bathroom, commode and high-touch surfaces (including computer touchpads and monitors) with an EPA registered germicide * • Allow appropriate germicide contact time as per manufacturers instructions • PM touch up cleaning of high-touch surfaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a sodium hypochlorite based solution (1:10 dilution) for daily and PRN cleaning § • Verify compatibility of the equipment with bleach solution • Allow appropriate contact time • If ongoing transmission, consider using bleach for disinfection of ALL patient rooms/equipment • Use bleach wipes as an adjunct to environmental cleaning • Train staff on use of bleach products
<p>TERMINAL CLEANING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Terminal cleaning” of entire room with a sodium hypochlorite-based solution (1:10 dilution) at discharge § 	
<p>CLEANING SOLUTION/MOPHEADS/ RAGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use disposable cleaning cloths. Discard after use • If disposable cleaning cloths are not used, use a new non-disposable cleaning cloth for each room and launder cloths daily • Preferably clean room before bathroom or change mop head after cleaning bathroom if done before room • Change cleaning solution and mop head after cleaning each isolation room • Launder mop heads daily at a water temperature of 160° or greater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider using a microfiber flat mop system

* EPA registered = a product registered by the EPA as a germicide

§ Sodium hypochlorite products to be used in strict accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations/instructions

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