

Introduction of enhanced infection prevention and environmental cleaning workshops for hospital cleaning staff.

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Aim:

To ensure staff attending cleaning workshops **feel valued and empowered** with the tools and knowledge to provide patients and healthcare workers with a **clean, safe environment**

Topics included in Module 1:

- Why we clean
- HAIs
- Chain of infection & its role in microbial transmission
- High touch surfaces
- Basic infection prevention and cleaning principles
- Correct use of cleaning products

Included in Module 2:

- Recap of Module 1
- An understanding of Standard 3 and Australian Infection Prevention Guidelines
- Understanding microbial growth and why frequent cleaning is important
- Basic knowledge of biofilm in the environment



94 module 1
workshops



22 module 2
workshops



676 staff
trained

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Common themes

Clinical

- **Mixed messages** - appropriate precautions and type of clean required for organism.
- **Time pressure** – “we need the bed now!”
 - Pressure to have rooms cleaned in a short period of time may result in incomplete and thus ineffective discharge cleans.
- **Discharge clean** - beds not stripped, sometimes patients still in the bed!

Management

- Confusion over **who cleans what.**
 - clinical vs non-clinical equipment?
 - items such as IV poles or wall mounted suction equipment
- **English** as a second language
 - staff may be unable to read product directions or signage on patient rooms.
- **Orientation** for new starters – trained using a ‘buddy’ system

Other findings

- **Glove use** – not changing between rooms
- **Non-standardised** chemical use / own cleaning agents. Incorrect re-constitution of chemical cleaning agents
- Inappropriate **supplies** for cleaning method e.g., Re-using wipes/cloths/mops in multiple areas

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Facility: _____ Date: _____
Presenter: _____ Topic: _____

1. I learnt something new from the training

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2. I enjoyed the training

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3. The training will help me improve my practice

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4. The training was well delivered

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5. The best part of the training was:

6. The training could be improved by:

Facility: _____ Topic: 1 hour environmental cleaning

Upon completing the GAMA Healthcare 1 hour environmental workshops I believe:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. The content of the Covid infection prevention/ cleaning workshop met the needs of our hospital/ facility.				
2. Enhanced workshops such as this empowers cleaning staff with the knowledge required to make our hospitals and patients safe.				
3. The workshop was delivered in a way that was comprehensive, yet easy to understand.				
4. Training and support for our cleaning staff makes them feel valued and an important part of our hospital.				
5. The workshops help to improve staff cleaning practice.				

Comments:

Thank you for your feedback.



of participants surveyed agreed that they had learnt something new from the training.



of participants surveyed agreed that the training will help them improve their practice.



of supervisors surveyed agreed that the workshops were easy to understand.



of supervisors surveyed agreed that the workshops made their staff feel valued.