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Activities, Laundry & Kitchen: Are They Really an IC Issue?

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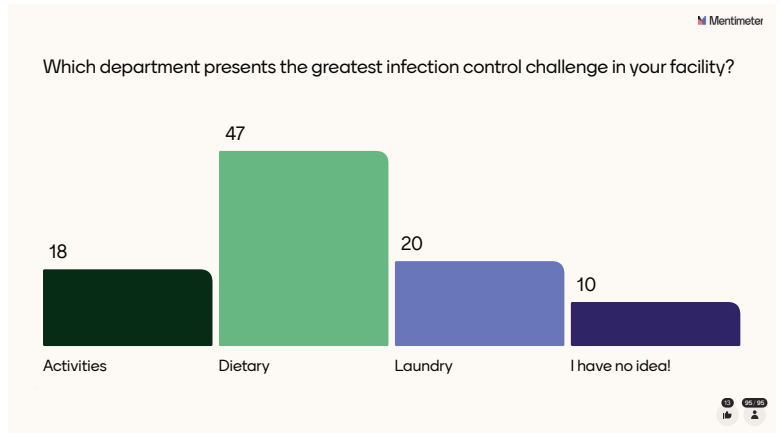

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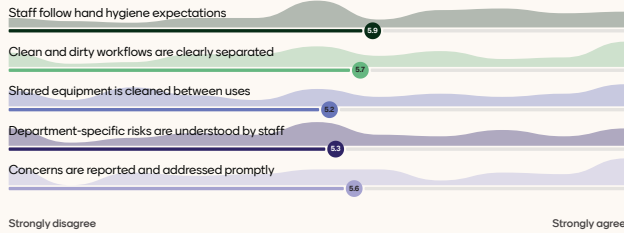
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Objectives

1. List 3 areas of infection control concerns seen with Activity Programs
2. Describe major areas where IC breaches can occur in Linen and Laundry management
3. Discuss 4 areas of infection control concern to include when rounding in the Kitchen area.



Activities Area: How consistently are infection prevention practices followed in this department ?



Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

Activities Risks: People, Handling, and Cleaning

- Infected or colonised residents may contaminate materials used by others
- Poor hand hygiene before and after activities can spread organisms by participant and staff who are assisting

Activities IC Risks: Shared Items and Group Contact

- Shared games, crafts, and instruments can transfer germs between residents
- Frequent handling of reusable items increases cross-contamination risk
- Group activities increase close contact and surface contamination
- Shared tables, chairs, and high-touch equipment can become contaminated
- Risks also for out of facility activities to consider (transportation van practices is one example)



Activities Risks: Movement Across the Facility

- Improper cleaning of activity supplies allows pathogens to persist
- Transporting items between units can spread contamination across the facility
- Transporting residents on community based activities represent additional risks for consideration

Laundry Risks: Handling Soiled Linen

- Soiled linen can carry bacteria, viruses, or other contaminants
- Shaking or sorting linen can release particles into the air
- Mixing soiled and clean items increases cross-contamination risk
- Inadequate hand hygiene after handling dirty linen can spread organisms



Laundry Risks: Storing Clean Linen

- Clean linen may become contaminated if stored in dirty, damp, or overcrowded areas
- Open shelving or poor packaging can expose linen to dust and touch contamination
- Improper rotation of stock can leave older linen stored for too long
- Weak separation of clean storage from soiled processing areas increases infection risk



Laundry Risks: Transporting Clean Linen

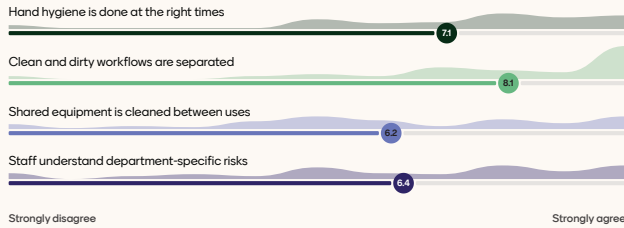
- Clean linen can become contaminated during transport if carts or containers are not protected
- Routes used for clean linen may intersect with soiled linen flows
- Handling clean linen with unclean hands or gloves can transfer contamination
- Uncovered linen during transport is more vulnerable to dust and surface contamination



For Laundry, the most important infection prevention controls are:



How well are infection prevention practices followed in your laundry areas?



Dietary/Kitchen Areas

(From Oregon Patient Safety Animated IC Video Collection)

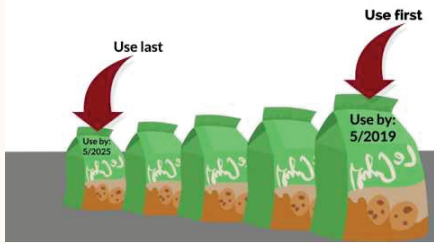
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How confident are you that clean linen stays protected during transport and storage...



IC In Healthcare Food Service Part 1 of 2

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Healthcare IC Food Service Part 2

Healthcare IC Food Service Part 2 https://youtu.be/-Mx_cTR27CI?si=NmbqoZv2Clqj-OE_



Population at risk?
 High Volume (frequency) or High Risk (resident risk factors, animal risk factors)?



IP Practical Tips...

- Think about the population at risk...
- Think about the risk that the situation carries...
- What is the "high volume" risk to consider?
- What is the ranking of the "high risk" of the situation?



Population at Risk?
 Is it High Risk or High Volume?



Population at Risk?

High Volume?
High Risk?



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Population at Risk?



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Population at Risk?
High Volume?
High Risk?

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Who is the population at risk?



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IC Thoughts?



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Free Resources:

Oregon Patient Safety Play List location for 12 infection control related animated videos (English and Spanish)

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