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Germs Can Live on Dry Surfaces

Know where germs live to stop spread and protect patients.

Where are the Risks?

- Germs found on the body, in the air, and in stool can often be found on dry surfaces, and some can live for a long time.
- Dry surfaces include “high-touch” surfaces like bed rails, door handles, and light switches. They also include countertops, bed curtains, floors, and things that might not be touched as often.
- Hands can pick up germs from dry surfaces and move them to other surfaces and people.
- Germs from dry surfaces can also get onto devices that are used on or in patients.

Germs that Live on Dry Surfaces

- Clostridioides difficile (C. diff)
- Norovirus
- Candida (including C. auris)
- Rotavirus

Healthcare Tasks Involving Blood

- Anything involving touch
- Using devices
- Patient transport

Infection Control Action to Reduce Risk

- Hand hygiene
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Device sterilization
- Use of personal protective equipment (gloves and gowns)

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Office Hours Call Link:

Join us! Office hours are the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 11:00 am CST. Each month we focus on an Infection Prevention tip. *Learn, share, network!*

The **South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care** is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join here:

When: Oct 11, 2023 11:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZakfuCprTkuGNxLx4-4RMoWy_NwwahXbhg