Shedding Light on Environmental Hygiene

Recent studies show the environment to be a contributing factor to the spread of pathogens to patients, and should be an area of focus in a complete infection prevention program. The new CDC Toolkit: Options for Evaluating Environmental Cleaning, acknowledges the environment’s role in the spread of infections, and the need to take preventative action to continuously evaluate and improve environmental cleaning to reduce associated risks.

In peer reviewed studies, DAZO® Fluorescent marking gel is the most widely used and accepted environmental monitoring tool.*

DAZO® provides objective evaluation of critical cleaning outcomes.

Ecolab-generated cleanliness reports help drive continuous improvement and provide compliance to evolving guidelines.

“In view of the evidence that transmission of many healthcare acquired pathogens (HAPs) is related to contamination of near-patient surfaces and equipment, all hospitals are encouraged to develop programs to optimize the thoroughness of high touch surface cleaning as part of terminal room cleaning at the time of discharge or transfer of patients.”

Accessed January 8, 2011

*References available upon request.

Easy-to-use, DAZO® Fluorescent Marking Gel & UV Light pen
EnCompass™ Monitoring Program

Ecolab’s EnCompass™ Monitoring Program uses the patented DAZO® fluorescent gel monitoring solution to objectively measure process outcomes. The cleaning outcome data is wirelessly transmitted from an iPod Handheld from which Ecolab will generate an entire set of reports and analysis on your specific cleaning outcomes. Ecolab-generated cleanliness reports help drive continuous improvement and provide compliance to evolving guidelines.

DAZO® Fluorescent Marking System

- DAZO® Fluorescent gel applicators, UV lights and customized sampling plan.
- Improvement through the use of DAZO® has been shown in 49 studies, while the second most used method was used in just two.1

Training

- Personally delivered training on High Touch Objects and CDC recommended monitoring.
- DAZO® marking instructions and recommendations.
- Data collection and submission instructions.

Data Collection Device

- iPod® handheld mobile device pre-loaded with Ecolab® Environmental Monitoring Application - Easy-to-use, WiFi-enabled, with no monthly subscription necessary.
- Secure data transfer. (HIPPA compliant)

Customized Cleanliness Reports

- Ecolab generated quarterly cleanliness reports.
- Trend analysis across all high touch objects.
- Benchmarking against baseline, other hospitals in the region and a national average.
- Data-driven, quarterly recommendations and guidance.

Easy-to-use DAZO® Fluorescent Marking Gel provides a quick, visual cue (pass/fail) that physical action/cleaning to a surface has been completed.

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