



High-Touch Surface Cleaning

Many Healthcare Acquired Infections are the result of infrequent cleaning of high-touch environmental surfaces. All caregivers must take action as a team. Timely cleaning avoids untimely transfer of pathogens to patients, residents and fellow caregivers.

Make it easy.

Make it happen.

Jim Mann Executive Director Handwashing For Life Institute

A call for quality single-use paper in convenient dispensers.

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Best Practice Endorsements:

This combination of better papers and reliable touch-free convenient dispensers are endorsed by the Handwashing For Life Institute for applications to reduce healthcare acquired infections. Kimberly Clark's expertise from the forests to the needs of caregivers and their patients bodes well for a stream of future innovations and continuous improvement.

These hand drying systems are endorsed by the Handwashing For Life® Institute for use by caregivers across the healthcare spectrum. The balance of paper absorbency, strength, and recyclability combine well with a versatile range of reliable touch-free dispensers.

The Handwashingforlife® Institute actively supports and recommends the products and services of members who meet the criteria for leadership in hand hygiene related interventions. These criteria include:

- + Product or service must meet Institute standard of Best Practice within applicable category.
- + Forum member must demonstrate commitment to advancing the Science of Hand Hygiene and be a top quartile supplier, as measured by:
Customer satisfaction with initial product or service and follow-up support.



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Fact vs Fiction

Myths can live well beyond documented case studies.

Consider these facts when assessing service options.

Myth:

Thorough surface cleaning is more important than frequent cleaning.

1] **False.** Yes, we must strive for both. In reality high-touch surfaces are contaminated frequently and fresh contaminations are removed more easily. Bacteria is also not given a chance to multiply and increase the likelihood of cross-contamination.

Killing germs trumps their removal in healthcare settings.

2] **False.** While disinfectant label claims are impressive, killing pathogens takes minutes while removal takes seconds. Clean-as-you-go protocols are critical in maintaining high surface cleanliness standards. Convenience is the key to frequent cleaning. Not requiring gloves is an important criterium when choosing spray cleaners and wipes.

Re-useable towels save money.

3] **True.** But only if you ignore the costs of HAIs.

Low-lint wipers are only important in cleanrooms.

4] **False.** Linting in healthcare can be dangerous. A pathogen can survive a cleaning cycle by simply attaching to a survival "lint-raft" - paper shives, fragments and ray cells.

Wet-strength and absorbency are the key qualities when choosing a paper towel for wiping.

5] **True.** If it were only that simple.

Air driers save money in restrooms for visitors and staff.

6] **Air driers, high-tech or low, are slow.** There are few sites in a healthcare facility where time is not of the essence in caregiving. Visitors are pathologically dangerous. They need the best of soap, paper and touch-free faucets in order to encourage handwashing.

High-content recycled paper makes good-enough wipers.

7] **True... for some applications.** The best paper starts with the wood and the pulping technology. Pulp produced with fresh, higher-quality wood such as black spruce has lower linting. The linting increases when the amount of jack pine is increased. Long fibers improve strength and absorbency without linting. When recycled, the property advantages are diluted as fiber surfaces are flattened and thus reduced. Paper chemistry is high-cost high science. Good paper is clearly not a commodity.