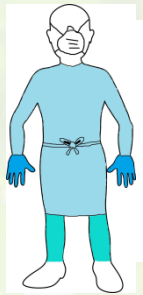




Infection Prevention/Control & Environmental Services

Many years ago.....



Infection Control



EVS



Tactics: change & buy-in

- Attend EVS meetings, give presentations-
Put a name to a face
- Empower EVS Staff –
Validate their important role in patient care and saving lives
- Mutual respect & coordination of efforts
- Plan together regarding realistic & reasonable goals



Tactics: change & buy-in

- Change employees' perceptions-meaning of a “clean room”
- “Looks clean” vs. pathogen level
- Empower EVS with participation in hand hygiene monitoring & immediate feedback



Tactics: change & buy-in

- IC follows up promptly when EVS reports issues w/nursing units
- Supports EVS in committees –
Speaks highly of EVS staff
- Discuss in NEO importance of EVS –
Presents good image of EVS staff – supports cleaning process time-frame goals



Tactics: change & buy-in

- Quality Assessment Rounds with EVS throughout Hospital & Clinics
- Attend EVS Conferences (e.g., HospAA)
- Tour/Inspect laundry facility
- Discuss various cleaning products



Cleaning Compliance Improvement

- ATP testing
- Fluorescent spray & black light testing
- High touch areas w/bleach wipes daily
- Terminal bleach clean all C.diff rooms



Cleaning Compliance Improvement

- Notify EVS for MDRO active infections
- Best practice cleaning observations
 - Clean high to low, proper use of chemicals, good agitation, proper dwell times etc.



Success Stories

- EVS becomes eyes and ears for I.C.
- Prevent further harm/infections-- not only for our patients but also for staff
- Help contain Noro & C.diff-- prevent potential outbreaks



One good housekeeper
can prevent more disease
than a dozen doctors can
cure...

