

Clarifying the Myths in Disinfecting Hospital Mattresses

INSTRUCTIONS FROM GERMICIDE COMPANIES	INSTRUCTIONS FROM HILL-ROM	INSTRUCTIONS FROM STRYKER	INSTRUCTIONS FROM CASCO MFG	INSTRUCTIONS FROM FABRIC SUPPLIERS	INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION	INSTRUCTIONS FOR STANDARD HOSPITAL PRACTICES	INSTRUCTIONS FROM CDC	INSTRUCTIONS FROM EPA
<p>1. Remove soil with soap and water</p> <p>2. Apply germicide (Disinfectants) *</p> <p>3. Allow to air dry</p> <p>* Germicides (Disinfectants) are not intended for use on soft surfaces</p>	<p>1. Clean with soap and water</p> <p>2. Use germicide (Disinfectants) between patients *</p> <p>*Use tuberculocidal (quat) according to directions</p>	<p>1. Clean surface</p> <p>2. Disinfect</p> <p>3. Allow to air dry</p> <p>4. Rinse</p> <p>5. Dry</p>	<p>1. Clean surface with soap and water</p> <p>2. Clean with germicide (Disinfectants) *</p> <p>3. Allow to air dry</p> <p>4. Rinse</p> <p>5. Dry</p>	<p>1. Clean with soap and water</p> <p>2. Disinfect using quats with PH between 5-9</p> <p>3. Allow to air dry</p> <p>4. Rinse</p> <p>5. Dry</p>	<p>The Joint Commission has no bed cleaning guidelines and directs hospitals to:</p> <p>* Refer to manufacturer's instructions</p> <p>* Use evidence-based best practices</p> <p>*Look to CDC and APIC standards</p>	<p>1. Wipe off gross soil</p> <p>2. Apply germicide</p> <p>3. Allow to air dry</p>	<p>Use EPA registered product for bed cleaning</p>	<p>Germicides are for hard, non-porous surfaces</p> <p>Mattress fabric is considered soft</p> <p>Germicides/Disinfectants are an "off label" use on hospital mattress fabrics</p>