

Training Information

CRITICAL VS. NON-CRITICAL AREAS

Procedures:

- I. Bacteria Does Not Discriminate
 - A. Bacteria does not care if the area has been designated critical, subcritical or noncritical.
 - B. Bacteria does not care who it catches a ride on.
- II. Cleaning Must Begin at the Front Entrance
 - A. Health care workers and doctors must pass through all areas of the facility.
 - B. Bacteria that attaches itself to one of these workers travels with him or her wherever they go.
 - C. The bacteria will start to multiply in its new location, doubling every 20 minutes.
 - D. Treating every area as critical will reduce the incidental spread of bacteria and nosocomial infections.