

# do one thing *differently*

*Simple Strategies to Prevent C. diff*

## *Environmental Cleaning and CDI*

Are environmental factors affecting your *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI) rate? Use these probing questions as part of your QAPI program to assess current environmental cleaning practices.

1. How do environmental service staff know which patients have CDI (known or suspected)?
2. What products are used to clean/disinfect rooms for patients with CDI (e.g., sporicidal agent, EPA disinfectant, microfiber cloths, etc.)?
3. What is our process for daily cleaning of all high-touch items?
4. Does our hospital have dedicated equipment for use with patients with CDI (e.g., blood pressure cuff, Hoyer lift pad, etc.)?
5. Do we have a process to audit the adequacy of our daily and terminal environmental cleaning practices (e.g., checklists, ATP, fluorescent markers, swab, etc.)?
6. Are we sharing audit results with staff in a non-punitive way?



## *Share These Resources with Your Team*

1. CDC Environmental Checklist for Monitoring Terminal Cleaning, [bit.ly/2KrNWrb](https://bit.ly/2KrNWrb)
2. Options for Evaluating Environmental Cleaning, [bit.ly/2WZ0L2w](https://bit.ly/2WZ0L2w)

## *Think About It?*

When facilities track CDI rates, they can identify problems and track progress toward stopping infections.

**How are you tracking CDI rates?**