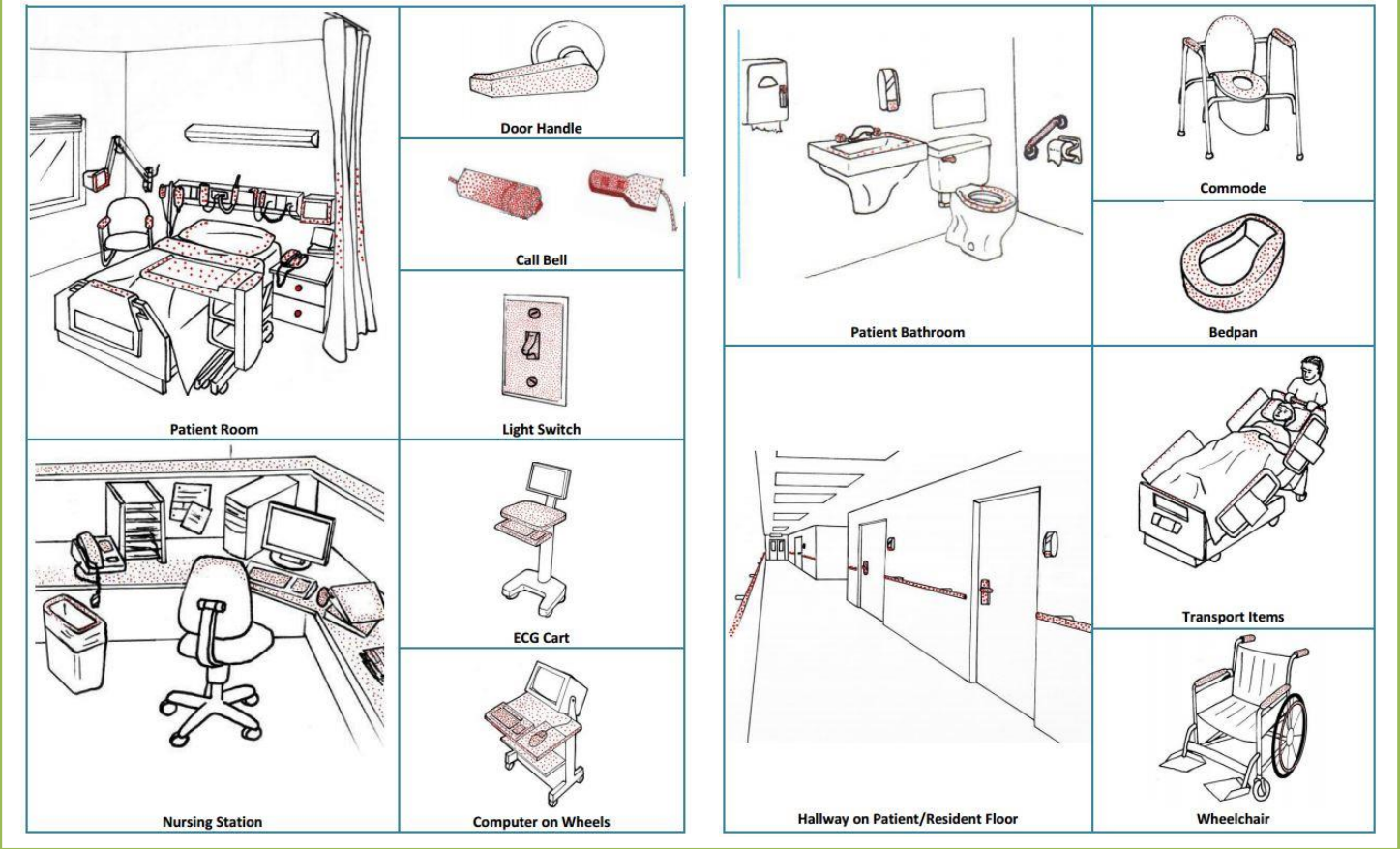


Environmental Cleaning

Health care settings contain a large diversity of microscopic organisms, many of which pose a risk to our patients, residents and clients as well as staff and visitors. Transmission of these microorganisms in the health care environment is very different than in the community, and the consequences of transmission may be more severe. **Environmental Cleaning** is important to reduce and/or eliminate the number and amount of infectious agents that may be present, and to reduce the risk of transferring illness or infection from one person or object to another.

High Touch Areas in a Health Care Facility:



Environmental Cleaning considers many areas including: Selection of finishes and surfaces, cleaning agents and disinfectants, new equipment/product purchases, routine patient room cleaning, cleaning on additional precautions, laundry, staff protection, waste management, disposal of sharps, care and storage of cleaning supplies, clean supply rooms, soiled utility rooms, environmental cleaning audits, staff exposures, personal protective equipment, and special procedures for specific circumstances

For More Information Check Out:
Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee (PIDAC):
[https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Best Practices Environmental_Cleaning_2012.pdf](https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Best_Practices_Environmental_Cleaning_2012.pdf)