

Environmental Cleaning: What CMS Surveyors Are Looking For

CMS surveyors use a worksheet to assess infection control practices during ASC surveys. The section of the worksheet used to assess environmental infection control practices is reproduced below. **Because this the SAME TOOL a CMS surveyor will use to assess environmental infection control practices, it is also a useful SELF-ASSESSMENT tool for an ASC.**

Unless otherwise indicated, a “No” response to any question below will be cited as a deficient practice.

IV. Environmental Infection Control

Observations are to be made of staff performing environmental cleaning (e.g., surgical technicians, cleaning staff, etc.)

If unable to observe is selected, please clarify in the surveyor notes box why it was not observed and attempt to assess by means of interview or documentation review.

Unless otherwise indicated, a “No” response to any question below must be cited as a deficient practice in relation to 42 CFR 416.51(a).

Practices to be Assessed	Was Practice Performed?	Surveyor Notes
A. Operating rooms are cleaned and disinfected after each surgical or invasive procedure with an EPA-registered disinfectant	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> <i>Unable to observe</i>	
B. Operating rooms are terminally cleaned daily	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> <i>Unable to observe</i>	
C. <i>Environmental surfaces in patient care areas are cleaned and disinfected, using an EPA-registered disinfectant on a regular basis (e.g., daily), when spills occur and when surfaces are visibly contaminated.</i>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> <i>Unable to observe</i>	
D. The ASC has a procedure in place to decontaminate gross spills of blood.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	