

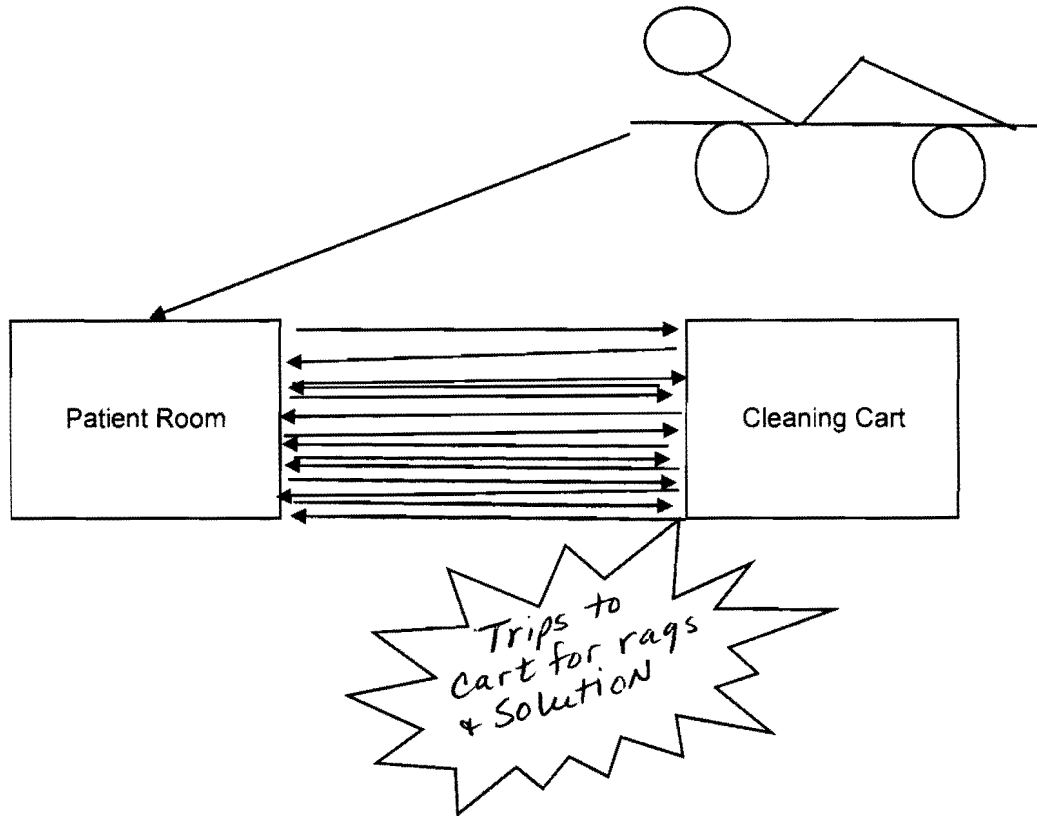
**ISSUE**

Patient is waiting up to 90 minutes for a room to be cleaned so he/she can be placed in a bed.

**BACKGROUND**

Room cleaning process requires clean rags and extra solution periodically. Rags must be very moist to keep cleaned surfaces wet for 10 minutes.

**CURRENT CONDITION**



**PROBLEM ANALYSIS:**

Frequent trips to cart in hallway for clean rags and solution.

Why: Need to get clean rags or additional solution because rag is dirty or too dry.

Why: Were trained to use clean, well-moistened rags to disinfect room to protect patients.

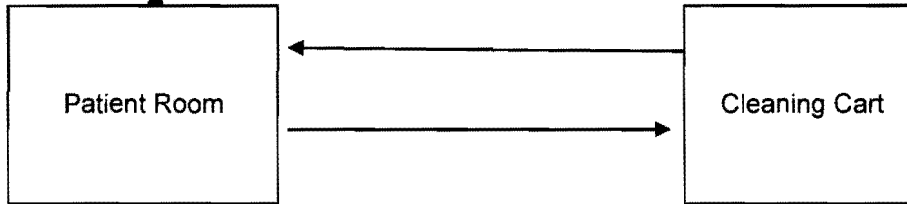
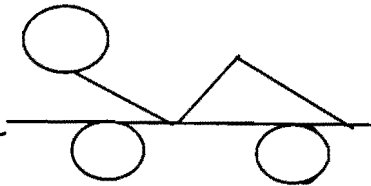
Why: Because clean rags and solution are kept on the cart.

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Why: Because the cart is in the hall and too big to fit in the room.

Why: Because we were trained to use clean, well-moistened rags to disinfect room to protect patients.

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| <b>TARGET CONDITION</b> | <b>TITLE: Access to Cleaning Supplies</b> | <b>TO</b>   | Env. Services Director |
|                         |   | <b>BY</b>   | S.Pincock/T.Hoffmann   |
|                         |   | <b>DATE</b> | 11/23/2010             |



**COUNTERMEASURES**

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| Provide 2 sided buckets for clean rags/solution and dirty rags.                |
| Make sure procedures and reasons for procedures are clear and well understood. |
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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

| WHAT  | WHO                                    | WHEN       | OUTCOME  |
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| Determine correct method for all employees to use when cleaning a room. | ES Director/ Infection Control Officer | 12/15/2010 | Will have a streamlined process that does not compromise patient safety.       |
| Retrain employees on the standardized method.                           | ES Director                            | 12/31/2010 | All employees will be using the same method and not have to find work arounds. |
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| COST   | COST BENEFIT/WASTE RECOGNITION |
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| 8.4 minutes of time saving per room cleaned                |                                |
| 8.4 minutes of nursing time not utilized for patient       |                                |
| 8.4 minutes of time observation charges not being charged. |                                |
| At 4 rooms/day, 202 hours of time for the year.            | \$25,628.39                    |

**TEST**

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| After all employees have been retrained, test to see if time savings figures are valid. Have employees mark start and stop times and verify they are using the process and whether it is working for them. |
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**FOLLOW UP**

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