

infection control staff, must have detailed cleaning schedules listed hospital environmental surfaces, prepared and implemented by housekeeping staff and monitored by Infection Control staff.

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**IPC.24 The hospital environment is kept clean.**

- IPC.24.1 Hospital environment, lockers, and cabinets are clean.
- IPC.24.2 Food is stored under sanitary conditions and is consumed in designated places.
- IPC.24.3 Food refrigerators are clean and are used only for food storage.
- IPC.24.4 There are separate clean and dirty utility areas in each patient care area.
- IPC.24.5 There are policies and procedures on pest control that address the regular schedule for pest control, chemical list, and time and place of exposure.
- IPC.24.6 Routine environmental microbiological cultures are not performed unless recommended by the infection prevention and control team.

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**Standard Intent:**

To provide safe and supportive environment for healthcare workers, patient and visitors, regular hospital wide cleaning and decontamination must be maintained by the hospital. Pest Control process should be conducted as per written hospital policy with a fixed schedule for different hospital areas, the hospital must have separate dirty and clean utility rooms in each patient care area that used for its designated purposes.

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**IPC.25 There is a system to handle blood/body fluids spills.**

- IPC.25.1 The hospital implements a policy on blood/body fluids spill kit use.
- IPC.25.2 Blood spill kits are available in all patient care units, including all necessary components. Hospital staff working in patient care areas are capable of cleaning of blood/body fluids spills.

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**Standard Intent:**

To minimize the risk of spread of infection and the risk of potential blood borne pathogens exposure, all blood and body substances should be treated as potentially infectious. The hospital must have a defined system on how to handle blood and body fluid spills. Managing exposure to blood or other body substances required availability of blood spill kit in every patient care unit that contains all necessary equipment and properly used by the hospital staff, written policies and procedures on spills management.