

Environmental Services



**A Critical Line of Defense
in Infection Prevention**

March 27-28, 2018

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**Ramada Hotel and
Conference Center**

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Bismarck, ND

Now, more than ever, healthcare facilities need environmental infection prevention and control strategies that can effectively prevent healthcare-associated infections. Environmental services (ES) plays a key role in eliminating germs in the healthcare environment that can lead to illness in both patients and healthcare professionals.

This statewide conference will provide a wide range of education for ES staff to assist in the development of an effective infection prevention and control program with tools to support decision making and policy adherence. Conference Leader, Greg May, SHESP, System Director, Environmental Services, Swedish Hospital, Seattle, WA, will bring insights into “The Clinical Environment of Care” and will lead discussions on challenges and opportunities within the healthcare environment.

Registration

Registration is now open. Click [here](#) to register. Please register all individuals attending from your staff. There is no fee to attend.

Hotel Information

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, Bismarck (Single, \$83.70; Double, \$91; plus tax). Reservations may be made by contacting the hotel at 701-258-7000 and referencing the “Environmental Services Conference.”

Questions

If you have questions regarding the conference, feel free to contact:

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Agenda At-A-Glance

Introduction to “The Clinical Environment of Care”

- Cleaning
- Managing waste streams
- Maintaining surfaces
- Clean/soiled linens
- Orientation and training
- Regulatory compliance
- Patient/resident and staff safety

Brief History of Cleaning

- Leadership
- Theory behind cleaning/importance of procedural cleaning
- Relationship to patient/resident and staff safety

Crafting an Effective Program: Scope/Policy/Procedure

- Operating rooms
- Isolation rooms
- Discharge patient/resident rooms
- Sterile processing
- Pre- and post-surgery areas
- Patient/resident rooms (daily)
- Ultrasound, radiology, etc.

Crafting an Effective Program: Tools

- Decision making and solid policy adherence
- Disinfectants
- Minor equipment
- Personal protective equipment

Challenges and Opportunities