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<b>Purpose</b>	Summarizes best practice for cleaning and disinfecting stretchers.	
<b>Background</b>	Refer to the appropriate S.D.S for chemicals used in this SOP.	
<b>Required Materials</b>	Cleaned/disinfected and stocked environmental services cart.	SOP 10.2 Environmental Cart Cleaning and Disinfecting

**The Process:**

Step		
1.	Perform hand hygiene. Don appropriate gloves.	WRHA Routine Practices Policy: <a href="https://policies.wrha.mb.ca/policy/120/infection-prevention-control/3065/90-00-060.pdf">https://policies.wrha.mb.ca/policy/120/infection-prevention-control/3065/90-00-060.pdf</a>
2.	Raise the stretcher to waist level using the foot pedal. Lower rails.	
3.	Start at the top of the IV pole and clean and disinfect from top to bottom.	Allow for wet contact time of disinfectant. Change the cloth/wipe when no longer saturated with disinfectant and after cleaning heavily soiled areas. If gloves become visibly soiled, remove gloves, perform hand hygiene and apply clean gloves.
4.	Raise the handrail and lock into place. Clean and disinfect the handrails. Repeat on opposite side of the stretcher.	
5.	Lower the handrail to its original position.	
6.	Starting at head of the stretcher, working toward the foot, clean and disinfect the top and side section of the mattress closest to you.	
7.	Pull the mattress forward sliding half the mattress off the lower supporting frame. Lift the mattress into a vertical position, supporting the mattress with one hand.	
8.	Clean and disinfect the lower half of the underside of the mattress. Clean and disinfect the stretcher frame.	
9.	Lower the mattress to its original position using both hands. Repeat Steps 6– 8 on the opposite side.	

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<p>10.</p>	<p>Locate handles to raise head and foot of the stretcher.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Clean and disinfect the undercarriage and frame. Repeat on the other side of the stretcher.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Clean and disinfect the small shelf under the oxygen storage area.</p>	
<p>13.</p>	<p>Clean and disinfect the foot pedals and wheels.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Return frame to original position.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p>Dispose of soiled linen as per facility process.</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p>Discard gloves and perform hand hygiene.</p>	