

A Sneaky Stream: Water in Health Care



Germs, including harmful germs, can live and grow in water. These germs can spread and cause infections in patients.

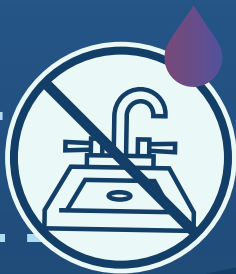


Reduce the risk for germs to spread from water:



Be Water Aware

Recognize when healthcare tasks may involve exposure to water or wet surfaces.



Never Use Tap Water with Sterile Equipment

This spreads dangerous germs to patients and equipment.



Be Aware of Splashes

Every time you turn the water on, there is a risk for germs to splash and spread to nearby equipment and surfaces.



Keep Care Items Protected

Store patient care items, such as wound dressings and medications, away from sinks and splashes.

Learn More

Reduce Risk from Water: <https://bit.ly/3R7nmEi>
Germs Live in Water Infographic: <https://bit.ly/3UYQte6>
Environmental Guidelines - Water: <https://bit.ly/3V4XZEr>