

Quick Reference Guide: Cleaning and decontamination

Organism:	<i>Various</i>
Signs & symptoms:	Various - depending on organism of contamination
Transmission (spread):	Direct & Indirect Contact, Droplet and Airborne depending on equipment or environment contamination
Person to person spread possible?	Yes - depending on organism
Incubation period:	Varies - depending on organism
People most at risk:	Patients and staff exposed to environment or equipment which is not adequately cleaned
Treatment:	Varies - depending on organism
Key management & control measures (MUST DO'S):	Staff must comply with decontamination of reusable non - invasive care equipment (Appendix 7) and the Management of blood and body fluid spillage (Appendix 9).