Germs Can Live on Devices.

Where Is the Risk?

Know where germs live to stop spread and protect patients

Germs That Can Live on Devices

- Staphylococcus aureus (staph, including MRSA)
- Streptococcus (strep)
- Candida (including C. auris)
- Gut bacteria like E. coli, Klebsiella, and C. difficile (C. diff)

Healthcare Tasks Involving Devices

- Surgery and procedures like colonoscopies
- Starting IVs
- Taking vital signs

Infection Control Actions to Reduce Risk

- Cleaning and disinfection
- Device sterilization
- Hand hygiene
- Use of personal protective equipment (gloves)

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