New Products and Technology

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Best practice recommendations

1. New technologies are developed to improve and supplement current environmental disinfection practices such as:
   - Surface disinfectants, e.g., enhanced hydrogen peroxide, electrochemically activated saline solution, "green" products;
   - No-touch disinfection, e.g., ultraviolet radiation, hydrogen peroxide systems, steam, visible light technology, ozone gas, super-oxidized water;
   - Antimicrobial surfaces, e.g., silver or copper coating, germicide impregnated surfaces etc..
2. Evaluate new technologies on a case-by-case basis considering:
   - safety;
   - ease of use;
   - evidence of effectiveness, e.g., kill claims, measurable reduced bioburden on surfaces and reduction in healthcare associated infections;
   - contact time/turnaround time;
   - vendor training and education;
   - customer support;
   - overall cost and cost effectiveness;
   - fit and compatibility with existing and standardized products.

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