

BREAKING THE CHAIN AND EVS GAIN!

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What are the benefits of the CHEST program?

Is it necessary?

What is gained from it?

Does it make a difference?

THERE ARE MANY BENEFITS TO THE CHEST PROGRAM.



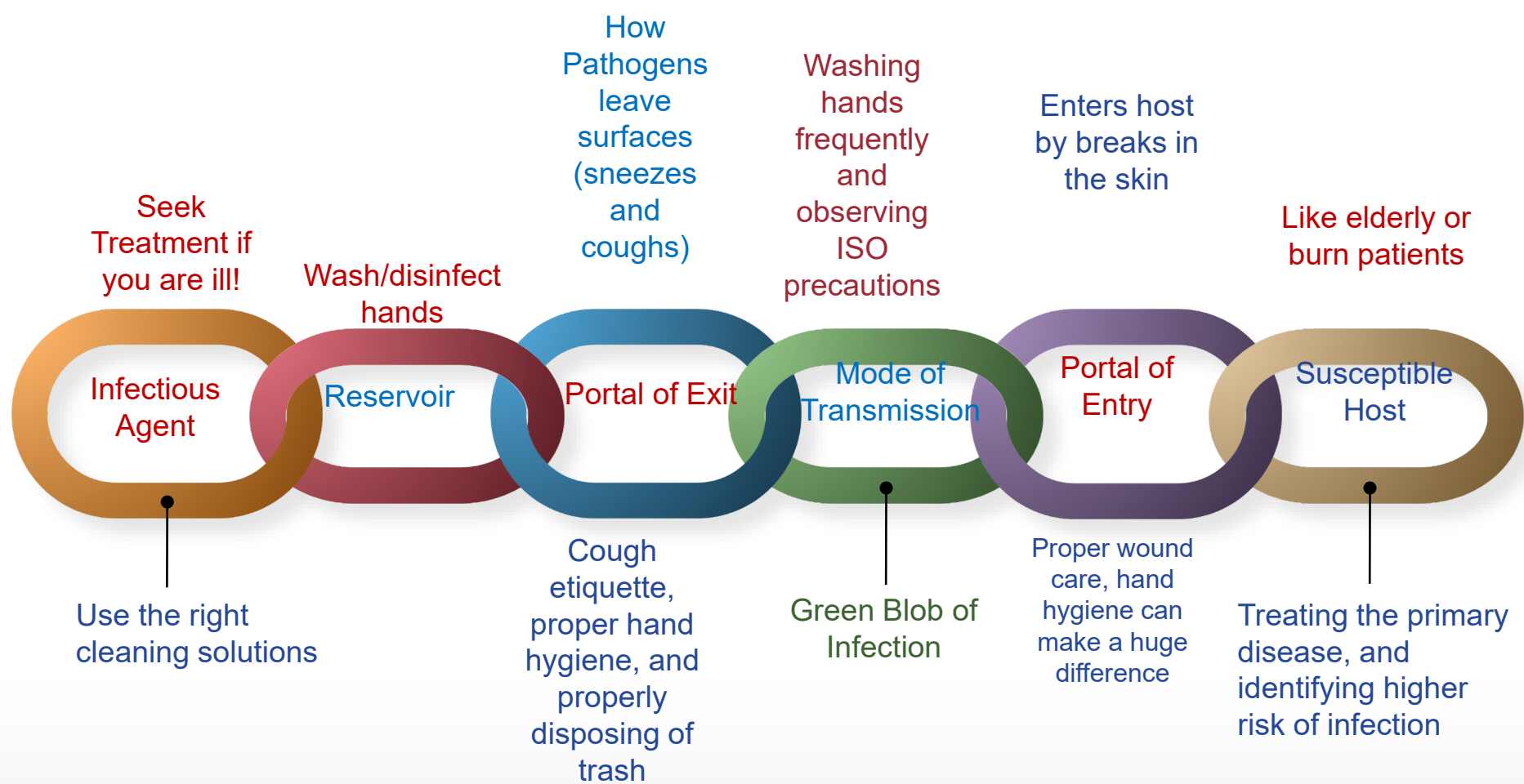
1. This program helps you gain the knowledge for higher performing EVS professionals, while teaching the evidence behind it.
2. It explains the **WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO!**
3. CHEST has a 99% satisfaction rate! EVS managers, directors, and supervisors can take the 24-hour workshop themselves to become a T-CHEST and be able to get the trainer certification, so they can go back and certify their own staff.

WHAT IS GAINED?

- Increasing EVS job satisfaction
- HCAHPS scores increasing due to higher productivity of EVS staff, with the knowledge of what they do and why
- CHEST teaches how to address language barriers with patients who can't speak, hear, or speak the same language, by using visual cues and hand signals
- It teaches EVS how to pay more attention to contact precautions, door signs, proper PPE to wear, and how to put it on, and watching for signs of a fall risk, (Example: a patient trying to reach far away for their drink or remote and recognizing that as a fall risk that can be mitigated by sanitizing your hands and handing it to the patient, or putting something closer to them). This not only shows the patient they care, but it is also showing the EVS staff how much they really do to contribute, making them want to do a better job.
- CHEST increases the morale in your staff with a certification behind their name and makes them want to perform their job duties better while telling them how important they really are in the healthcare field as frontline workers. Most of them feel unappreciated daily, and this gives them a boost of confidence. You can see the change in EVS before and after this training!

THINGS THAT STOOD OUT TO MY STAFF AND MYSELF

1. The green blob of germs on the hands and how much one person can pass germs through a facility without performing the correct hand hygiene practices
2. Proper way to don and doff PPE (it is shocking how many healthcare workers do this wrong)
3. Cleaning vs. disinfecting (Very important part most people really don't think about until this class)
4. How to prioritize when everything is needed all at once
5. Then there is my personal favorite: Breaking the chain of infection!



Breaking the Chain of Infection!

There are SIX links but just breaking ONE can help stop the spread of infection!

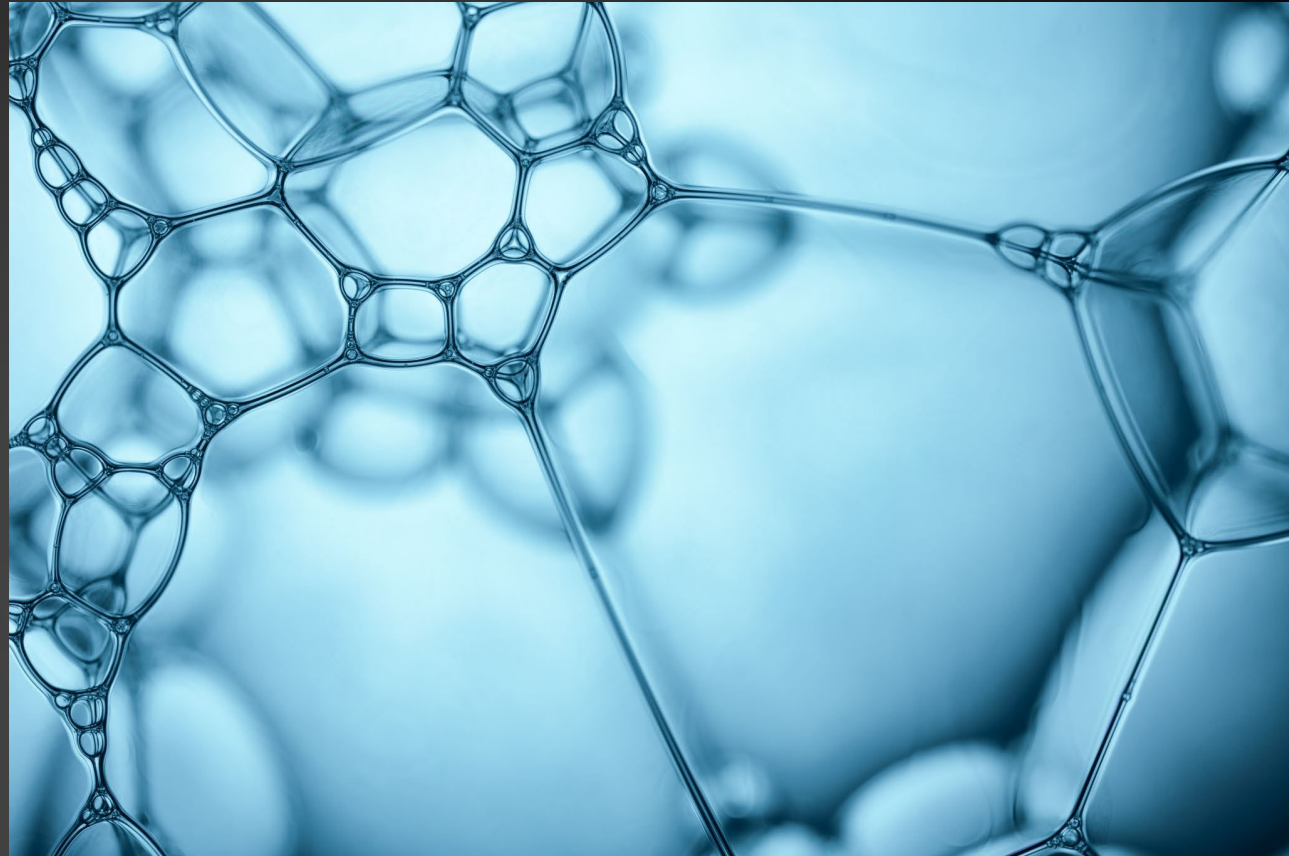
CERTIFICATE OF MASTERY IN INFECTION PREVENTION PROGRAM (CMIP)





**CMIP IS ANOTHER GAIN FOR EVS! WE CAN
NOW GAIN MORE KNOWLEDGE IN INFECTION
PREVENTION!**

CMIP IS A PROGRAM THAT TEACHES MANY THINGS THAT MAKES EVS PROFESSIONALS THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. BEING A SUPERVISOR OVER EVS, I LEARNED MANY THINGS FROM THESE CLASSES, AND IT HAS MADE ME WANT TO GO EVEN FURTHER TO EXPAND MY KNOWLEDGE IN INFECTION PREVENTION





THIS CLASS TEACHES THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL IN IP AND CONTROL IN A CLINICAL ENVIRONMENT OF CARE.

IT IMPLEMENTS THE KNOWLEDGE TO COORDINATE EFFORTS ACROSS THE CARE TEAM TO IMPROVE IP STRATEGIES AND OUTCOMES.

CMIP EXPLORES ALL THE PRINCIPLES IN CLEANING AND DISINFECTION AND CHANGES HAPPENING WITH DISINFECTION AND DISINFECTANTS, WHICH IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO LOOK OUT FOR.

CMIP INTRODUCES ALL THE REGULATIONS, STANDARDS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, THAT OUTLINE INFECTION PREVENTION.

- CMIP also examines and explains the practical application of epidemiological principals and concepts of microbiology, including:
 - microorganisms, emerging resistance, and their roles in infection and disease transmission, and how certain chemicals have to be used to kill different things because some microorganisms are resistant.
- This program explains all the most critical IP topics, including:
 - outbreaks, pandemics, antimicrobial stewardship, evidence- based cleaning practices, and environmental monitoring.
- This program takes you through many healthcare scenarios and strategies that are needed to be completed in the correct order to be able to successfully and safely take care of that scenario.



CAPSTONE PROJECT

AT THE END OF THESE CLASSES, THE FINAL GRADE IS A CAPSTONE PROJECT. THIS PROVIDES THE PARTICIPANT IN THE CMIP PROGRAM TO LOOK BACK AT WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED AND DEMONSTRATE THAT KNOWLEDGE GAINED! THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS OF PROJECTS TO CHOOSE FROM.

MY CAPSTONE PROJECT

- I wrote an essay on the importance of hand hygiene, and how something so very important, that should be done multiple times a day for the safety of patients, families, and healthcare workers, is something that does not get done as often as it should, and is not re educated in healthcare enough
- I spoke of statistics on hand hygiene and the difference it makes
- I emphasized the green blob of infection that will forever stay in my mind from CHEST
- Lastly, I spoke of the epidemiology lesson of a disease spreading from one country to the US that was talked about, and that I won't forget in the CMIP Program



IN CONCLUSION, IF YOU WANT TO SEE A BOOST IN MORALE WITHIN YOUR EVS DEPARTMENT, THESE TWO CLASSES ARE GREAT PLACES TO START. THROUGH THESE TWO PROGRAMS I HAVE GAINED SO MUCH KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR IN-HOUSE SCORES HAVE BEEN 100% FOR ALMOST A YEAR.

EVS IS CONSTANTLY COMPLIMENTED BY BOTH PATIENTS AND STAFF!

KNOWING WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO HELPS US SO MUCH IN, NOT ONLY DOING EVS WORK SUCCESSFULLY, BUT WANTING TO DO IT WITH A SMILE ON OUR FACES... AND THAT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE!