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Dear Infection Control Specialist:

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), in collaboration with the New York State Wise Antibiotic Information Team (NYSWAIT), is committed to the goals of minimizing antibiotic resistance and decreasing hospital-acquired infections. To that end, we are pleased to offer, as quick-reference tools, a Hand Hygiene Chart and a Hospital Disinfectant Chart for voluntary use as reference guides.

The charts are based on the most recent medical evidence-based literature, and may be helpful to your facility in your campaign against antibiotic resistance and hospital-acquired infection. The charts refer to the active ingredient or agent of each product, and in no way reference specific product lines.

The information contained in the Hand Hygiene Chart contains references to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Tentative Final Monograph on over-the-counter hand hygiene ingredients approved to be safe and effective. The chart addresses the hand hygiene goal of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities (JCAHO) 2005 Patient Safety Goals.

The Hospital Disinfectant Chart lists the active agents approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for disinfection of non-critical surfaces. Information was also received from various knowledgeable sources within the NYSDOH, their advisory committees, and respected clinicians and practitioners.

The information contained in these documents is meant to be a quick guide, and is not intended to be comprehensive. Exercise professional judgment in selecting appropriate products. The information in the charts is based on the present state of our knowledge. It shows, without liability on our part, the uses to which the listed agents or ingredients can be put when used in correct dilution and contact time.

We welcome comments or suggestions. Feel free to contact the Patient Safety Center at patientsafety@health.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

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