

When I meet with front-line employees, I tell them, •You matter to this organization. What you do here is not clean rooms, strip floors and turn beds. What you do here is save lives.Ž

While it has been a long time that we’ve been saving lives in health care, we’ve just begun to scratch the surface of utilizing technology to most effectively provide services that we’re being counted on for. So what type of technology is out there to help Environmental Services (EVS) save lives?

Adjunct disinfectant robots

There are several different machines available that offer an added level of disinfection. Hydrogen peroxide or peracetic acid room foggers, and ultraviolet light are some of the most used sources of adjunct disinfection technology. Your staff does their normal clean, and then the machine gives an added level of comfort that the room has been properly disinfected. With additional but minor room preparation, roll this equipment into an empty patient room, turn it on, and it disinfects the room. To learn more about this technology, see •Supplemental Ultraviolet Light Technologies• on page 14.

Bed management systems

With a bed management system, your staff is accountable for their response times and clean times of discharge beds. Staff