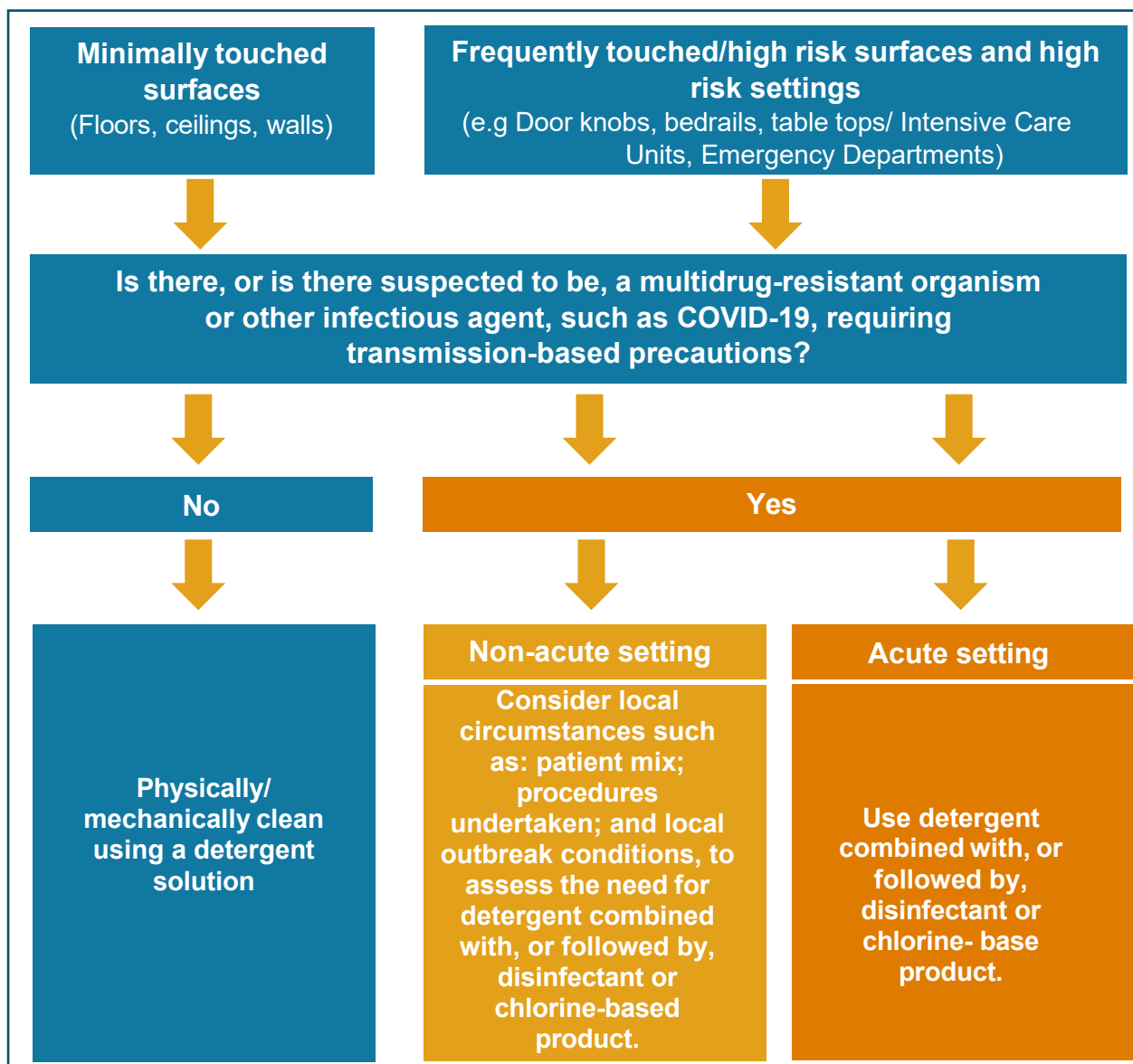


Processes and product selection for routine environmental cleaning

The [Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare \(AICG\)](#) provide a range of information on environmental cleaning. This flowchart is adapted from the AICG.



* *Principles of Environmental Cleaning: Product Selection*, Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare (2023).



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Flow Chart heading 1 - Minimally touched surfaces (Floors, ceilings, walls, blinds) and next box asks - Is there, or is there suspected to be, a multidrug-resistant organism or other infectious agent, such as COVID-19, requiring transmission-based precautions?

If no, use detergent solution.

If yes in a non-acute setting, consider local circumstances such as: patient mix; procedures undertaken; and local outbreak conditions, to assess the need for detergent combined with, or followed by, disinfectant or chlorine-based product.

If yes in an acute setting, use detergent combined with, or followed by, disinfectant or chlorine-based product.

Flow Chart heading 2 - Frequently touched/high risk surfaces and high risk settings (Door knobs, bedrails, table tops, Intensive care units, Emergency Departments) and next box asks - Is there, or is there suspected to be, a multidrug-resistant organism or other infectious agent, such as COVID-19, requiring transmission-based precautions?

If no, use detergent solution.

If yes in a non-acute setting, consider local circumstances such as: patient mix; procedures undertaken; and local outbreak conditions, to assess the need for detergent combined with, or followed by, disinfectant*.

If yes in an acute setting, use detergent combined with, or followed by, disinfectant or chlorine-based products*

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