

# DID YOU KNOW THAT WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE CAN HURT YOU?

Potentially infectious pathogens are most commonly found on the most touched surfaces in any given hospital room.



**SuctionShield**  
PUT INFECTION IN ITS PLACE



1. Oral suction devices
2. Privacy curtains in hospital rooms
3. Monitoring equipment
4. Clothing of healthcare professionals
5. IV pole
6. Bedside rail
7. Digital equipment such as tablets, computer screens & keyboards
8. Sink counter
9. Waste receptacle
10. Overbed table

Standard cleaning processes cannot always properly decontaminate uneven or hard-to-reach surfaces. Pathogens surviving on these surfaces have the potential to infect patients and practitioners each time they are touched. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1.7 million hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) are reported every year in acute care hospitals, resulting in nearly 100,000 patient deaths. That's more than AIDS, breast cancer and car accident deaths combined. Despite these alarming statistics, many Americans still view hospitals as safe.

\*Sources: 1. Dr. Lynn White, anesthesiologist and creator of SuctionShield 2. [BeckersHospitalReview.com](http://BeckersHospitalReview.com)