



JW Draperies Health Care Services Antimicrobial Treatment for Cubicle Curtains

JW Draperies Healthcare Services has historically offered Antimicrobial fabrics and the option of post Antimicrobial treatment for Cubicle Curtains. Recent research leads us to caution our clients to seriously consider the implications of potential Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) with the introduction of additional chemicals into their environments. The following is an excerpt from the introduction to a policy statement spearheaded by a leading physician with the University of Pennsylvania Health System and printed by Cambridge University Press.

Policy Statement on Antimicrobial Stewardship by the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

Antimicrobial resistance has emerged as a significant healthcare quality and patient safety issue in the twenty-first century that, combined with a rapidly dwindling antimicrobial armamentarium, has resulted in a critical threat to the public health of the United States. **Antimicrobial stewardship programs** optimize antimicrobial use to achieve the best clinical outcomes while minimizing adverse events and limiting selective pressures that drive the emergence of resistance and may also reduce excessive costs attributable to suboptimal antimicrobial use. Therefore, antimicrobial stewardship must be a fiduciary responsibility for all healthcare institutions.....

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JW Draperies Healthcare Services suggests consideration be given to the sufficiency of a systematic routine cleaning regimen. Consider **Expediency Verses Stewardship in the application of antimicrobials, peroxide or any chemical in the processing of your privacy curtains. Like the well intentioned (over) prescribing of antibiotics, the use of these additive chemicals may be a contributor to the environmental, infection control and Hospital Acquired Condition (HAC) issues facing Healthcare.**