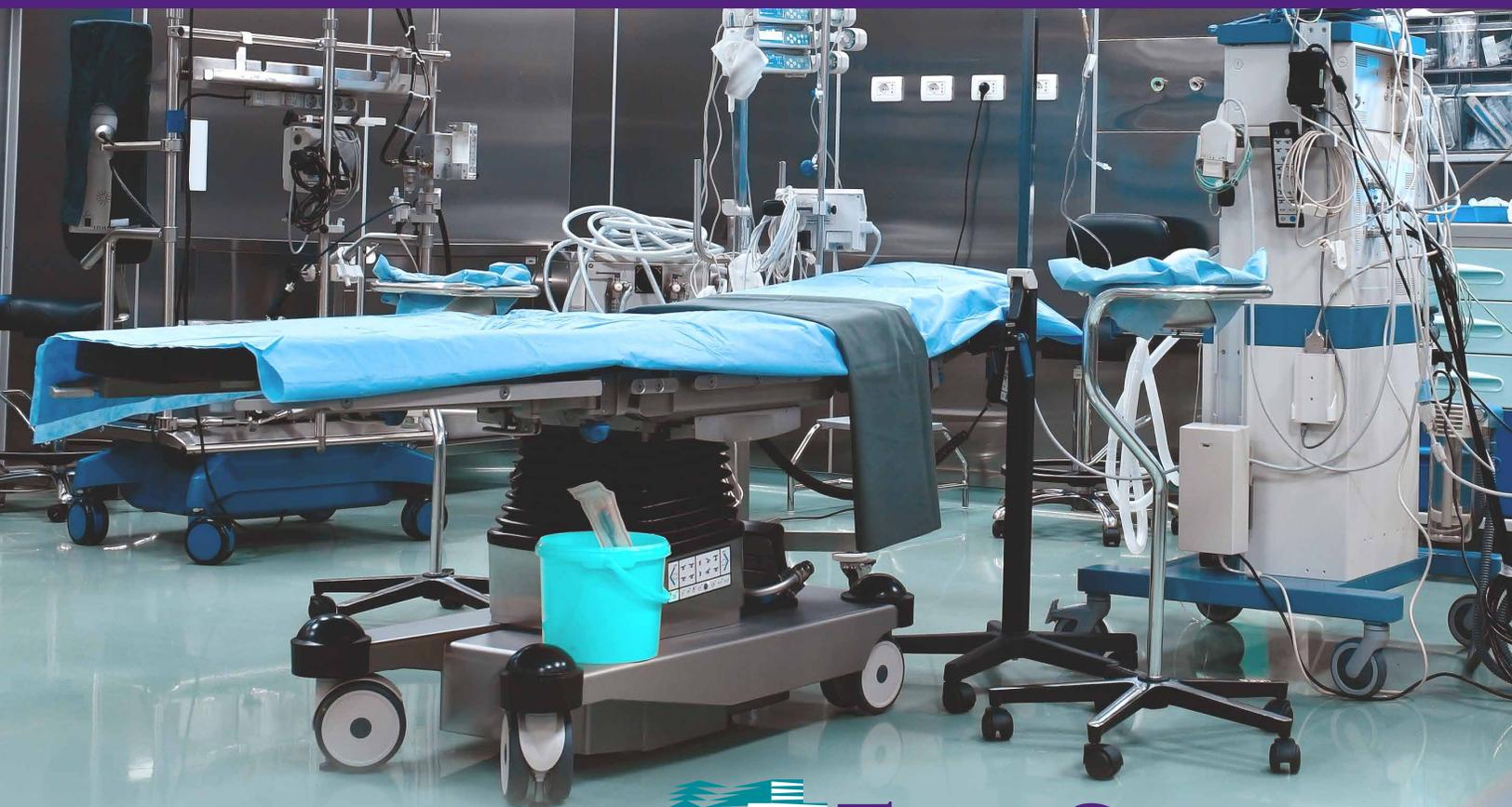


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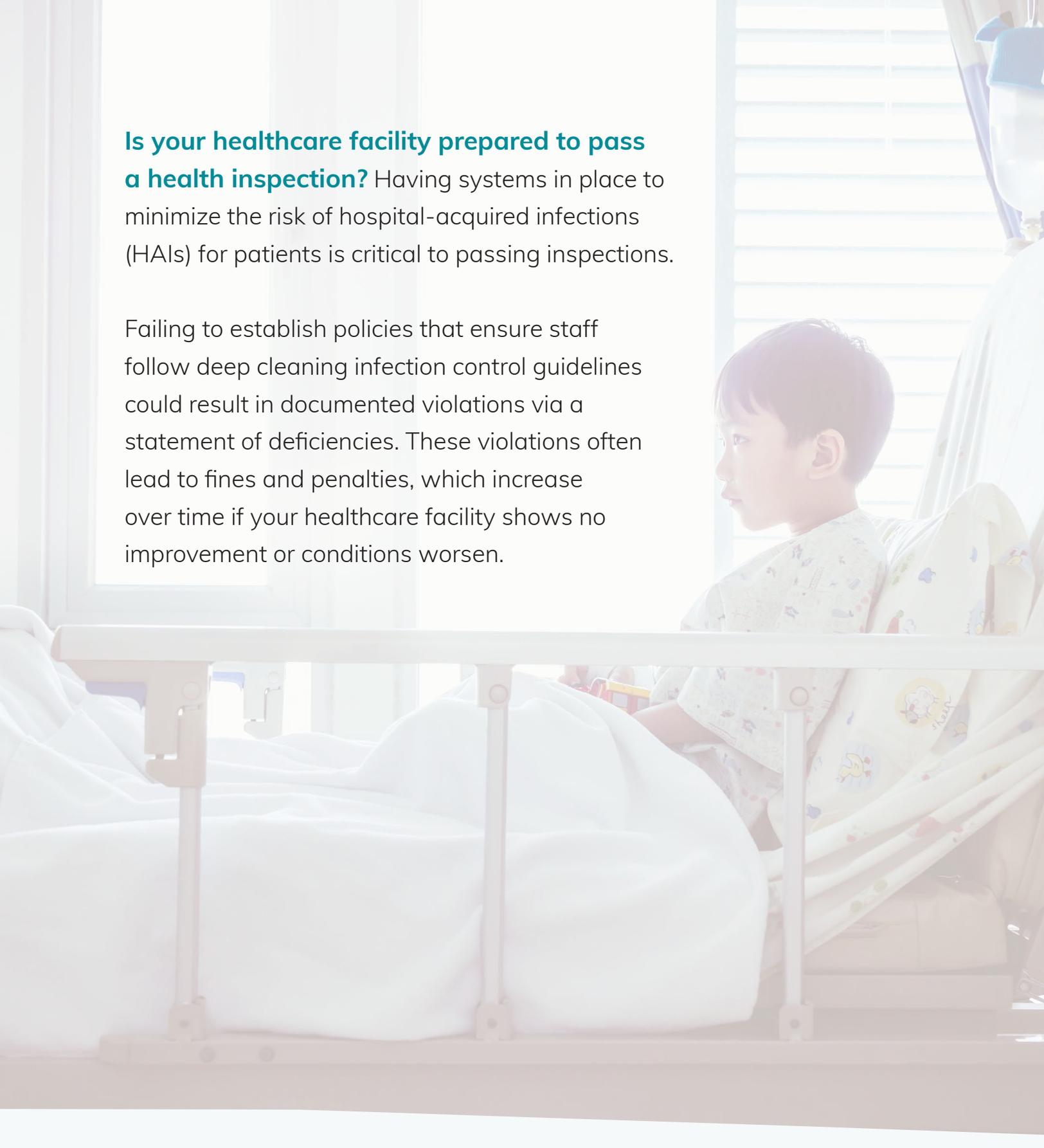


## 3 Key Strategies For Passing Health Inspections



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**Is your healthcare facility prepared to pass a health inspection?** Having systems in place to minimize the risk of hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) for patients is critical to passing inspections.

Failing to establish policies that ensure staff follow deep cleaning infection control guidelines could result in documented violations via a statement of deficiencies. These violations often lead to fines and penalties, which increase over time if your healthcare facility shows no improvement or conditions worsen.

# 3 Steps To Prepare For A Health Inspection

Health inspectors expect facilities to take the following steps to institute and implement infection control measures:

## 1. Set Policies For A Deep Cleaning Program

Deep cleaning responsibilities often slip through the cracks due to a lack of internal policies for facility cleaning. Generally, an inspector can detect compliance issues simply from seeing that every department assumes another department is responsible for deep evidence-based cleaning.

Your facility should have a policy for disinfecting patient care equipment, with guidelines for how often it occurs, who is in charge of it and how it is recorded.

## 2. Document That You're Following The Policies

You must document and show that your facility has a cleaning program in place for patient care equipment. This documentation is a form of proof that you're following the policies set forth for a deep cleaning to minimize the risk of healthcare-associated infections.

When a regulatory agency visits your hospital, the inspector will look for your history of implementing cleaning policies. Documenting evidence-based cleaning and disinfection is critical to avoiding violations.

## 3. Prepare To Visibly Show That Equipment Was Deep Cleaned

After checking your policies and documentation, the inspector will do a visible inspection of patient care equipment to see that equipment is free of any tape, dirt, dust or rust residue. The inspector will also likely check to see that your team is trained on best practices for maximizing disinfection.



Remember, the goal is not to simply pass an inspection. Your healthcare facility should be continually striving to improve patient satisfaction, infection prevention and equipment condition.

The truth is that no one solution for infection control exists. To effectively mitigate risk, however, you do need an integrated approach. That's why hospitals and healthcare facilities are turning to medical equipment cleaning partners equipped to handle the whole job, from establishing policies and documentation to conducting periodic deep cleanings to meet patient safety standards. This turnkey process reduces the stress of audits by keeping your facility on a regular cleaning schedule.

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