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## Can You Pass Our Surface Disinfection Quiz?

***Make sure that your surface disinfection coverage - and contact time - is complete.***

Are your antimicrobial cleaning practices up to par? Find out with our surface disinfection quiz. From spraying and wiping to whole-room disinfection technology, these 20 questions will help you get merciless with microbes.



[Click on this LINK for the Quiz and Answers!](#)

## Six Tips for Health Care Facilities and Labs to Ensure GHS Compliance

***Health care facility and laboratory end users-from hospital, medical office, medical lab, and research lab managers to environmental health and safety (EHS) compliance officers-must be confident their chemical labels are GHS compliant.***



In the United States, OSHA set a June 1, 2016, deadline for end users to update their workplace labels. If compliance is lacking, health care and lab end users must be prepared to document for OSHA their good-faith efforts to become compliant, including an expected timeline for achieving it.

[Link to the Article with Six Tips for Compliance](#)

## New Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention Standards Certain to Be a Game Changer

*According to the National Floor Safety Institute (NFSI), 55 percent of slips, trips and falls are caused by hazardous walkways. However, many property owners don't realize just how slippery their floors are until someone slips and falls.*

Having worked on more than 700 slip, trip and fall lawsuits, some of which where the defendant was a healthcare provider, it has been my experience that many healthcare providers consciously choose not to test their walkways, fearing negative results. Once such information is known, they will have to take corrective action and spend money, money that has not been budgeted. The ever-present fear that their slip-resistance test results could be discoverable acts as a further disincentive. In the end, many healthcare providers simply accept the cost of slips and falls as a cost of doing business. Often, it is less expensive to pay the claims and cost of litigation than to correct the problem.

Some healthcare providers often choose a strategy of "intentional ignorance," whereby they claim no prior knowledge of their walkways being slippery. And even if they are slippery, they sometimes maintain wet floor signs at all times, believing this fulfills their duty and protects them from liability in the event of a fall. Although these strategies may have served as good defenses in the past, science and technology have brought slip-and-fall litigation to a new level. The game has changed.



[See Complete Article to Learn about New Standards!](#)



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