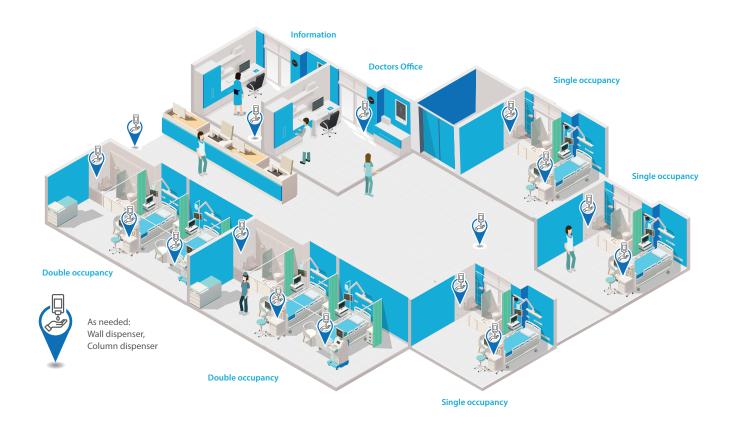


Dispenser Placement in ICU

In 25 % of intensive care units, hand disinfectants are not optimally placed [1]. Visibility and proximity to the patient are particularly important.



4 tips for dispenser placement

Focus on the perspective of the staff:

Dispensers should always be visible during a treatment [2].

One arm's length distance:

Personnel should not have to move to reach the dispenser during the activity.



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Ensure functionality:

Regular control of the functionality as well as of the expiration date and the filling level of the hand disinfectant [4].

Ensure functionality:

In the ICU, a dispenser should be placed at the foot of each patient bed [3].

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