



Housekeeping



Healthiest people ~ Healthiest communities ~ Exceptional service



Who are we?

We are an equal member of the health-care team, working with our colleagues to provide a clean, safe and positive patient and client experience.



Who are we?

**We are more than 300
strong at four sites.**





What do we do in housekeeping?

We are responsible for cleaning all of Parkridge Centre, Royal University Hospital, St. Paul's Hospital and Saskatoon City Hospital.





What do we do in housekeeping?

We use power mobile equipment.





What do we do in housekeeping?

We use housekeeping carts that store our mops, pails, rags, chemicals and other supplies for cleaning all over our buildings. We are required to maintain our supplies and be able to push the cart assigned to us as we go about our work during the day.

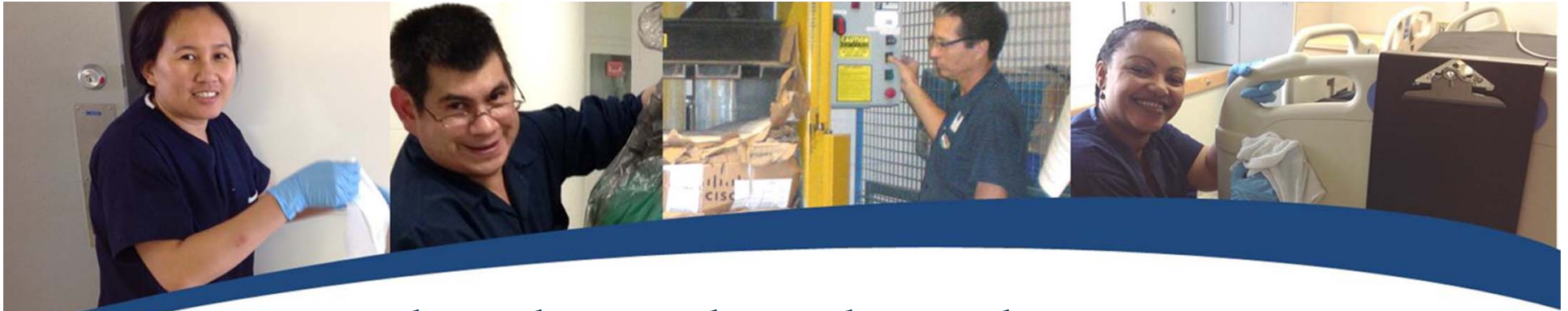




What do we do in housekeeping?

We clean all sorts of things

- Blood
- Body fluids
- Bone fragments
 - Toilets
 - etc...



What do we do in housekeeping?



We use a few different types of chemicals in our work: everything for sanitizing patient rooms and the operating rooms to chemicals to clean stainless steel on our elevators.



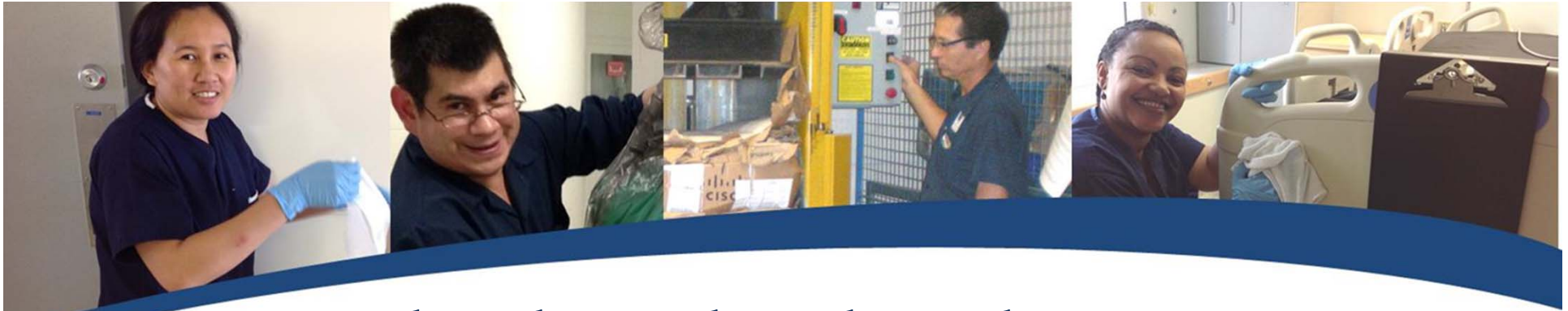
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We are required to clean around several different types of patient rooms.

Sometimes our patients have a contagious illness.

Sometimes our patients are under police or security observation.

Some of our patients are in mental health care areas like the Dubé Centre.



What do we do in housekeeping?

We climb ladders to change curtains.





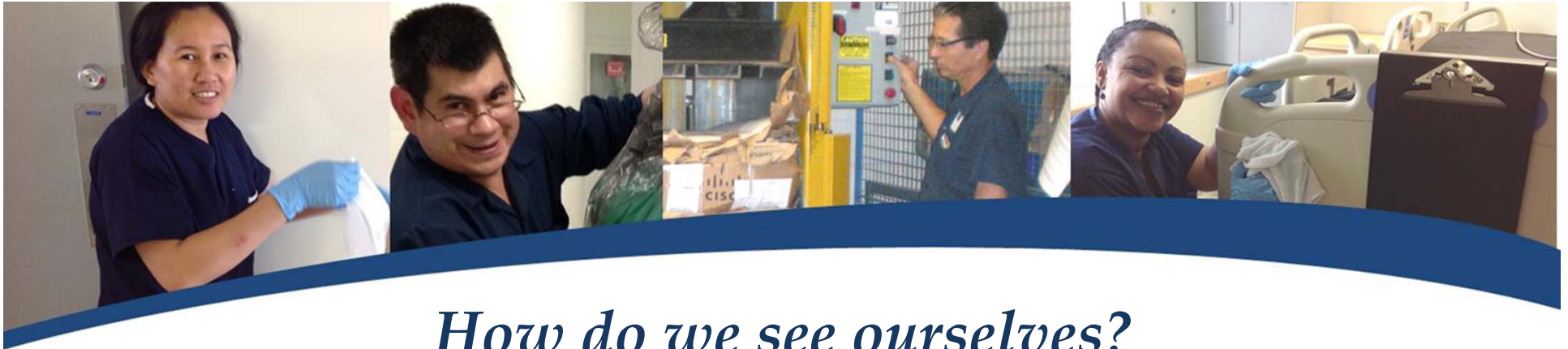
What do we do in housekeeping?

We work hard!

This is physically demanding work.

This can also be emotionally demanding work as we work around elderly patients, people who are dying, brand new babies, sick children, people with mental illness.

But we do it because we know everyone deserves to be cared for in a clean environment!



How do we see ourselves?

*“I am not
‘just’ a
housekeeper.
I am THE
housekeeper.”*

Housekeepers are responsible for infection control in our buildings. We are responsible for the quick preparation of patient rooms so new patients can be admitted. And we have a big role to play in helping make a patient’s day pleasant by being friendly, and when appropriate, making conversation with patients.



*Thank you for taking time to learn about
housekeeping in Saskatoon Health Region*