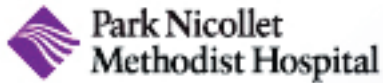


How Methodist Hospital is Part of the Solution.



- A 426-bed, 960-doctor hospital, part of the award-winning Park Nicollet Health System.
- Named one of the 50 exceptional U.S. hospitals for outstanding quality and safety practices by Consumers Digest.
- Supports a 120-person housekeeping staff responsible for cleaning 800,000 square feet of patient floors, offices, waiting areas, emergency facilities and specialty centers.
- Purchases a variety of cleaning chemicals including over 400 gallons of glass and hard-surface cleaner monthly, lime removers, disinfectants, deodorizers, and general-purpose chemicals.

"I think Activeion would help us work smarter in some of our general cleaning areas in particular...We could save money and time and that's always what we are ultimately looking for."

—Diane Gillespie, Manager of Housekeeping, Methodist Hospital

For 26 years, Gillespie has managed housekeeping for one of Minnesota's premier hospitals. "Obviously, being a health care institution, our standards are very high. Over the past several years, we've found that a lot of our patients and/or workers have a lot of sensitivity to different chemicals and smells, so we're always looking for the newest in green cleaning."

In October, one of her employees introduced her to Activeion, the new technology that transforms tap water into a high-performing cleaner, freeing people from daily-use, general-purpose chemicals. Initially skeptical, she gradually became impressed. "There was a certain amount of disbelief at first, of course," she explains. "I have two individuals who do a lot of general-area cleaning and so I gave each of them a sprayer to try."

For three weeks, the housekeepers set their glass cleaners and general-purpose chemicals aside and used Activeion instead. One of those workers, Jo Ellen Glodek, was moved from skeptic to supporter. "Anywhere I would use a glass cleaner, I would now use this because there are no chemicals," she says.

Glodek's companion tester, Donna Foster, counts 31 years as a housekeeper at Methodist and was equally impressed. "For three years, we've been looking for a way to clean the stucco in our hallways and this is very effective."

For eight hours a day, five days a week, the duo effectively cleaned the daily-use hard surfaces in lobbies, bathrooms, cafes, hallways and stairways with Activeion.

Both Glodek and Foster estimate that up to 50 percent of their daily cleaning is either mirror, glass, or stainless steel — all three of which are excellent candidates for the new chemical-free cleaner. "I have to say that Activeion works very well on stainless steel," says Gillespie.

And while reducing cleaning chemicals is critical for health reasons, it's also important for cost-effectiveness. "I can say that one of the problems we have had over my tenure in housekeeping here is that some of our folks think that if half an ounce of cleaning chemical is good, two ounces will be better," notes Gillespie. "I see Activeion as an opportunity to eliminate that waste."

