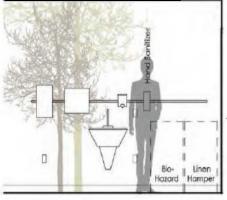
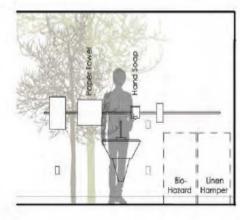
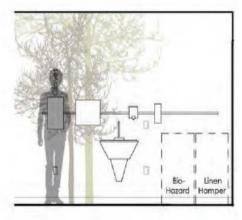


## **EVIDENCE** BASED DESIGN VALIDATION







Harley Ellis Devereaux Standard Process Handwashing System in Patient Rooms; All new patient care units

EBD Goal: To create a standard process that facilitates the practice of appropriate hand washing prior to caregiver interaction with the patient.

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**PROBLEM:** Per the CDC, many studies have shown that the bacteria that cause hospitalacquired infections are most frequently spread from one patient to another on the hands of healthcare workers.

In 34 studies of hand washing, workers washed their hands only 40% of the time.

**SOLUTION:** Create a standard directional flow with easy access to sink and hand washing accessories at the room entry. "...placing the hand washing accessories on an equipment rail allows adjustment in the system without creating damage to the wall and potential home for pathogens."

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