**Environmental Services**

The Environmental Services Department takes pride in keeping Bridgepoint Health a clean environment and safe for patients, visitors and staff. The hospital has a gross floor area of 680,000sqft and Environmental Services cleans most vertical and horizontal surfaces and flooring. We have 75FTE ES Cleaners and Supervisors who are trained in PIDAC best practices for Environmental Cleaning. Cleaners work day, evening and night shifts to provide support for hospital activities 24 hours a day. Functions include:

* Cleaning horizontal, vertical and specialty surfaces
* Waste management and recycling, clinical and non-clinical
* Set up for events and furniture moves
* Project floorcare and refinishing

We also oversee two smaller Departments: Linen and Unit Support Technicians. These are specialized areas where shared equipment requires a managed process for pick up/delivery and cleaning.

ES supervisors work closely with the Infection Control, Facilities, Redevelopment and Occupational Health Departments. Cleaning equipment includes autoscrubbers, spray buffers, burnishers, steam cleaners, carpet extractors; Bridgepoint uses Velida ergonomic cleaning carts and microfiber mops and cleaning cloths. Hospital grade chemicals are used for disinfecting and environmentally friendly cleaners for appropriate surfaces.

Bridgepoint hospital is a new facility and ES are fortunate to be working with the most up to date surfaces, structures and products.

*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.*

*-William Butler Yeats*