**Did you know?**

**Bed Bugs**

What are bed bugs?
Bed bugs are small flat insects that feed solely on the blood of people and animals while they are asleep.

Where are bed bugs found?
They hide during the day in places such as seams of mattresses, box springs, bed frames, headboards, or any other clutter or objects around a bed. They do not live on people.

Do bed bugs spread disease?
Bed bugs are annoying but they do not spread disease.

How do you get bed bugs?
Bed bugs do not fly or jump. Bed bugs travel in the seams and folds of luggage, overnight bags, folded clothes, bedding furniture and anywhere else where they can hide.

What do you do if you suspect your patient has bed bugs?
Refer to Appendix A in Policy EHS 0056: Pesticide/Pest Management for procedure
Capture a sample if possible
Collect patients personal clothing or bedding in tightly sealed bags
Change the patient’s linen. Hospital linen should be placed in the regular linen bags and placed in the linen room.

Call EVS supervisor to inspect the room for bed bugs.