

# Hydrotherapy Tanks in Community-based Services

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Hydrotherapy tanks can be a source of microorganism transmission. The warm tank water, constant agitation and aeration, as well as their design provide ideal conditions for bacterial proliferation if the equipment is not properly maintained, cleaned and disinfected.

- Consult [Infection Prevention and Control](#) prior to replacing or purchasing this type of equipment.
- Follow manufacturer instructions for cleaning and disinfection.
- Keep maintenance and cleaning logs.
- Keep equipment (e.g., parallel bars, plinths, wheelchairs) away from hydrotherapy tanks as the equipment can become contaminated through splashing.
- Avoid storing supplies in close proximity to tanks.