

## **CLEANING UP HEALTH CARE**

In the mid-1800s, when Adventist health care began, the United States had only about 200 hospitals, one-third for the mentally ill. Because of the absence of hygiene and a lack of understanding about germs, patients generally did not recover from their illnesses. The Battle Creek Sanitarium was different. Sanitation was a priority, and Dr. Kellogg's patients had a significantly higher survival rate after surgery.

