



DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

(In addition to Standard Precautions)



Families and Visitors follow instructions on information sheet.
(If you have questions, go to Nurse Station)

Everyone Must:



Clean hands when entering and leaving room



Wear mask

Doctors and Staff Must:



If contact with secretions likely, use gown, glove, and eye cover



Droplet Precautions

Display sign outside the door. Remove sign after room is cleaned.

Common Conditions:

- Influenza
- Meningitis
- Pertussis
- Respiratory viruses

Limit visitors to those already exposed.

Dishes/Utensils:

No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

Equipment and Supplies:

- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment including intravenous pumps, cell phone or pagers (if used in room), and other electronics, supplies, and other equipment prior to removing from patient's room.
- Ensure blood pressure cuff and stethoscope are cleaned and disinfected between patients.
- Only essential supplies in room.

Linen Management:

Bag linen in the patient's room.

Patient Identification Procedure:

Use patient label for validation of patient identity and destroy in room after use.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Put **ON** in this order:

1. Wash or gel hands
2. Gown (if needed)
3. Mask
4. Eye cover
5. Gloves (if needed)

Take **OFF** & dispose in this order:

1. Gloves (if used)
2. Eye cover
3. Gown (if used)
4. Mask
5. Wash or gel hands (even if gloves used)

Private Room:

If not available, room with patient that has the same organism but no other infection.

Room Cleaning:

Routine cleaning procedures with addition of cubicle curtain changes per hospital procedure.

Transport:

Essential transport only. Place surgical mask on patient. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle. Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.

Discontinue precautions as per hospital policy or Infection Preventionist instructions.



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