



CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

(In addition to Standard Precautions)



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

Everyone Must:



Clean hands when entering and leaving room

Doctors and Staff Must:



Gown and glove at door



Use patient dedicated or disposable equipment.
Clean and disinfect shared equipment.

Contact Precautions

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

Common Conditions: *If patient has diarrhea (C. difficile) use Contact Enteric Precautions*

- Multidrug resistant organisms
 - Carbapenem resistant Gram-negative rods/ESBL
 - Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)
 - Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* (VRE)
- Scabies
- Wounds or abscesses with uncontained drainage

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 IV pumps, cell phone or pagers (if used in room), and other electronics, supplies, and 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
3. Mask (if needed)
4. Eye cover (if needed)
5. Gloves

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

1. Gloves
2. Eye cover (if used)
3. Gown
4. Mask (if used)
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 patient in clean gown. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle. Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.

Discontinue precautions as per hospital policy or Infection Preventionist instructions.