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INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

Infection Prevention & Control: It's Everyone's Business

ALL staff have a responsibility to adhere to infection prevention and control guidelines in order to reduce healthcare associated infections in patients, occupationally acquired infection in staff, and internal outbreaks of infectious disease – all of which are costly and pose risk to WRH staff and patients.

What is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infections?: Alcohol-based hand rub

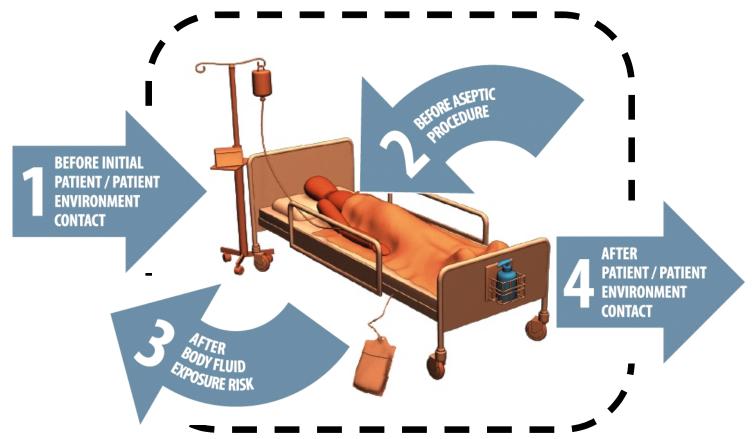
Hand Hygiene

2 Methods of Hand Hygiene

- 1. Alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR)
 - Preferred method KILLS germs (loonie sized amount)
- 2. Washing with soap and water
 - Preferred when hands are visibly soiled, when dealing with fecal matter, or when feeling a buildup of moisturizer from ABHR



4 Critical Moments for Hand Hygiene



Are there other ways for Infection to Spread?

3 Modes of Transmission in the Hospital

- 1. Contact Directly by touching patients or indirectly by touching contaminated surfaces
- 2. **Droplet** Coughing and sneezing
- 3. Airborne Tiny aerosolized particles e.g. chicken pox, measles

Additional Precautions

- Based on mode of transmission
- May be used alone or in combination
- Includes personal protective equipment (PPE) required, room accommodations, and guidelines for patients, etc.











Contact Precautions

- Gloves and gown for contact with patient or patient's environment
- Gloves may be donned at point of care



Droplet Precautions

- Mask and eye protection, when within 2 meters of the patient
- Patients must wear a mask if they leave their room or bedspace



Airborne Precautions

- N95 fit-tested respirator required for room entry
- Airborne Infection Isolation Room (negative pressure) required
- Door MUST remain CLOSED

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

Gowns:

- To be worn if clothes may be come contaminated from the patient or their environment
- Used when providing direct patient care
- · Applied immediately prior to the task and must be properly secured at neck and waist
- · Single use and single patient use
- Even in a shared room, the gown must be changed between patients
- · Remove immediately after the task
- Not to be hung for future use

Masks:

- To be worn if there is a risk of splashing/spraying to the face or when withing 2 metres of a coughing patient
- Single use only
- · Remove immediately after completed task and discard upon leaving room
- Select mask appropriate for the activity (ex. surgical mask vs N95)
- · Mask should securely cover nose and mouth
- · A wet mask is no longer protecting you
- · Do not touch the mask while wearing it
- Do not allow the mask to dangle around your neck or from your ear

Eye Protection:

- Use in addition to a mask when there is a risk of splashing/spraying to the face or when within 2
 metres of a coughing patient
- Prescription glasses are not considered acceptable eye protection

Donning and Doffing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



