

Infection Prevention & Control

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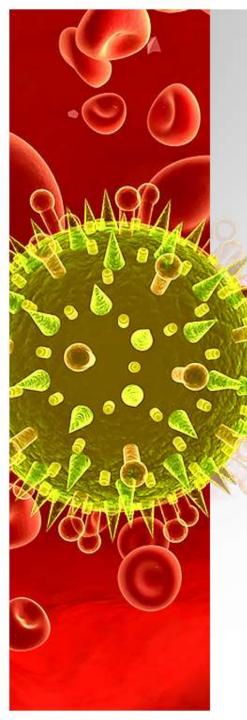
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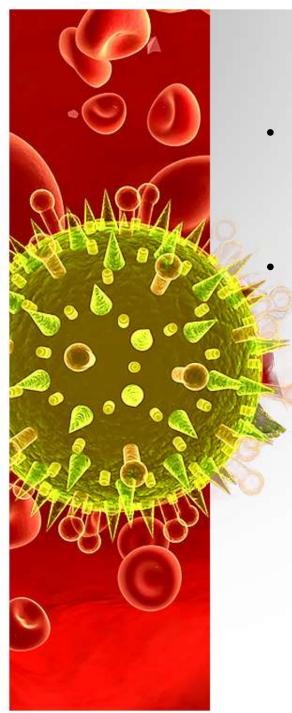
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Hand Hygiene

- Everyone WILL clean their hands before and after patient contact, no exceptions!
- Remind each other!
- Patients are empowered to remind HCWs to clean hands.
 "It's ok to ask".
- No artificial nails for direct patient caregivers.
 - Secret Shoppers are everywhere. They have been specifically trained to observe HCW's for compliant hand hygiene practices.



Isolation Patients

 Isolation Signs – laminated signs in plastic cover on pts door. Place correct sign when notified by lab of a positive MDRO; the patient has a history of a MDRO or the patient's Isolation Status is flagged in EPIC.

Isolation Carts – most inpatient floors will have these cabinets for PPE. If not, utilize the isolation cart provided.



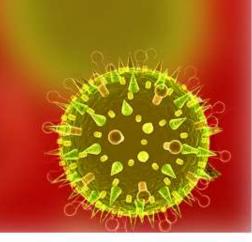


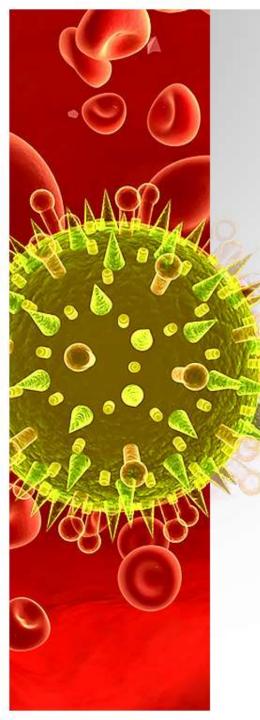
Isolation Precaution Signs











IC Environmental Factors

- ❖ Support Services: Call 24-2216
- Reasons to call: Overflowing laundry or trash, negative pressure monitors not working or alarming, need curtains changed, hand gel or battery replaced, etc.
- Terminal clean for isolation rooms
- Only staff that have been fit-tested for an N95 should enter a negative-air flow room for a suspected airborne illness patient.
- Equipment cleaning anything that will be used by or on multiple patients should be disinfected with a germicidal wipe.

Equipment Cleaning

Disinfection Guide for Multi-use Patient Equipment

Examples of equipment that require low level disinfection:













Grey Top - PDI Sani-Cloth AF3 Wipe Alcohol Free Wet Contact Time = 3 minutes



Purple Top - PDI Super Sani-Cloth Wipe 55% Alcohol
Wet Contact Time = 2 minutes



Orange Top - PDI Sani-Cloth Bleach Wipe Wet Contact Time = 4 minutes

Flu Vaccine

- 5-20 % of population get the flu yearly.
- Flu-related deaths average 23,600 people per year.
- Most at risk population for life-threatening illnesses from the flu include: older adults, **CHILDREN**, and people with health problems.
- Shed virus 24hrs before signs and symptoms.
- Texas law has mandated flu vaccine for all HCWs as of 2012.
- Flu Vaccine is free of charge for all staff and volunteers at S&W.

