

USED FOR THE CARE OF ALL PATIENTS

Standard Precautions

Applies to blood, all body fluids, non-intact skin and mucous membranes

Utilize transmission-based precautions (airborne, contact, droplet) in addition to standard precautions as indicated

WASH HANDS FOR 20 SECONDS WITH SOAP AND WATER OR USE AN ALCOHOL BASED HAND GEL



- After touching blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, and contaminated equipment
- After gloves are removed
- Before and after patient contact
- Before entering and upon exiting a patients room
- Alcohol-based hand gel is not recommended for use when the skin is visibly soiled

WEAR GLOVES



- When touching blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, mucous membranes, non-intact skin and contaminated items/equipment

CHANGE GLOVES

- Between tasks/procedures on the same patient after contact with contaminated material

REMOVE GLOVES

- Promptly after use
- Before touching non-contaminated items and environmental surfaces

WEAR A MASK, EYE PROTECTION OR FACE SHIELD



- To protect mucous membranes of the eyes, nose and mouth during procedures likely to generate splashes/sprays of blood, body fluids, secretions and excretions
- During all spinal procedures
- When placing Central Venous Catheters-CVC's

WEAR A GOWN



- During procedures likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood, body fluids, secretions or excretions

REMOVE GOWN

- Promptly after use to avoid transfer of microorganisms to other patients or environments

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION



- Clean common-use equipment before removing from room

AVOID/PREVENT INJURY:



- Use sharps with safety features
- Utilize needleless IV connections
- Never recap used needles
- Do not bend, break or remove used needles
- Place used needles/sharps in appropriate sharps containers
- Sharps containers should be leak-proof and puncture resistant
- Never attempt to remove sharps from containers
- Do not eat, drink, handle contact lenses, apply cosmetics or lip balm in any patient care area
- Staff with exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis should not provide direct patient care until the condition has resolved

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