



CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

(In addition to Standard Precautions)
(If you have questions, ask nursing staff)



Everyone Must:



Clean hands when entering and leaving room

AND



Gown and glove at door



Doctors and Staff Must:



Use patient-dedicated or disposable equipment
Clean & disinfect shared equipment

Contact Precautions

If patient has diarrhea and/or *C. difficile* replace with Contact Enteric Precautions

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

Common Conditions (refer to Facility Policy):

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

Dishes/Utensils:

No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

Equipment and Supplies:

- Only essential equipment and supplies in room.
- 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.

Linen Management:

Bag linen in patient's room.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Standard and Tear-away Gown

Three-part Gown

Put ON in this order: 1. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> 2. <u>Gown</u> 3. <u>Gloves</u>	Put ON in this order: 1. <u>Wash or gel hands</u> 2. <u>Gown</u> 3. <u>Gloves</u>
Take OFF & dispose in this order: 1. <u>Gloves</u> 2. <u>Gown</u> 3. <u>Wash or gel hands</u>	Take OFF & dispose in this order: 1. Gown and gloves at the same time (grab gown and pull off gloves in one movement) 2. <u>Wash or gel hands</u>

Private Room:

If not available, please follow facility policy when cohorting patients.

Room Cleaning:

Follow facility policy for Contact Precautions disinfection and curtain change requirements.

Transport:

Essential transport only. Place patient in clean gown. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle. Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.

