

Standard Precautions

1. Perform hand hygiene between patient contacts, after removing gloves and after touching blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions or handling contaminated items.
2. Wear gown if soiling or contamination is likely.
3. Wear gloves when touching blood or other potentially infectious materials, mucous membranes, nonintact skin, potentially contaminated intact skin, and potentially contaminated items. Remove gloves after contact with a patient and/or the surrounding environment.
4. Mask and goggles or faceshield is indicated if splashing or spraying of body substances is likely, such as suctioning or endotracheal intubation.
5. Practice and teach respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette.
6. Activate safety device and place needles in puncture-resistant sharps container. Do not recap, bend or break used needles.
7. Provide private room when patient is at increased risk of contamination of environment, at increased risk for transmission or at increased risk of acquiring infection or adverse outcome following infection.