

ENTERIC CONTACT ISOLATION

Visitors ~ See Nurse before entering



WASH HANDS
WITH SOAP AND
WATER ON EXIT



Clean Hands ~ Gown & Gloves for ALL entries

UCSF Medical Center

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PATIENTS in ENTERIC CONTACT ISOLATION

- Place in a private room unless a shared space has been approved by Infection Control
- May leave room after washing hands with soap and water and putting on a clean hospital gown
- Are not allowed in communal spaces (playroom, school room, solarium etc.) but may ambulate in hallways if continent, cooperative and clean.

STAFF Caring for Patients in ENTERIC CONTACT ISOLATION

PROCEDURES

- Wash hands with alcohol based hand rub (ABHR) or soap and water on entry
- Put on a gown and gloves before entering the room
- Remove and discard gloves and gown
- Clean hands **with soap and water** before leaving the patient's room. If patient is in semi-private room or multi-bed bay situation, clean hands with soap and water before leaving the patient's direct area.

WORKFLOW

- Place the following supplies outside the patient's room: GOWNS, GLOVES, THIS SIGN
- Attach this sign to the ABHR dispenser **inside** of the patient's room
- Use dedicated disposable equipment (e.g. stethoscope, blood pressure cuff, thermometer, etc.) when possible. If personal stethoscope is used, wipe with Sani-Cloth upon completion of examination

VISITORS

- VISITORS are **not** required to wear gowns/gloves **unless they visit other patients OR are visiting a patient with CRE (see * below)**
- Instruct VISITORS to clean their hands before entering and to wash hands with soap and water before exiting the patient's room

GENERAL INDICATIONS for ENTERIC CONTACT ISOLATION

- Acute diarrhea of unknown etiology

COMMON SPECIFIC INDICATIONS for ENTERIC CONTACT ISOLATION

- *Clostridium difficile* infection
- Norovirus

For additional information, refer to “Standard and Transmission-based Precautions Policy” and “Isolation Precautions Table” at <http://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org> or page the Infection Control Practitioner on call at 415.806.0269.