

Infection Control

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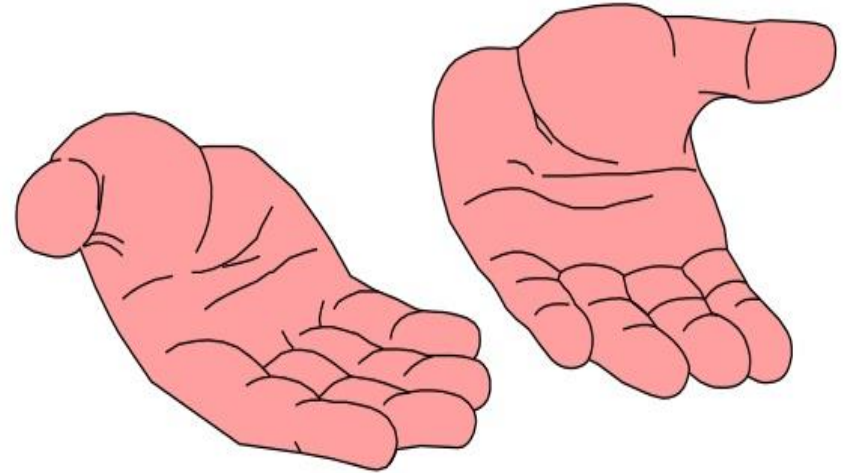
Outline

- Hand Hygiene (HH)
- Isolation Precautions
- Others

Hand transmission

- Hands are the most common vehicle to transmit healthcare associated pathogens
- Transmission of microbiological organisms from one patient to another via healthcare worker's hands

The Carriers of Top Ten Infectious Diseases Germs



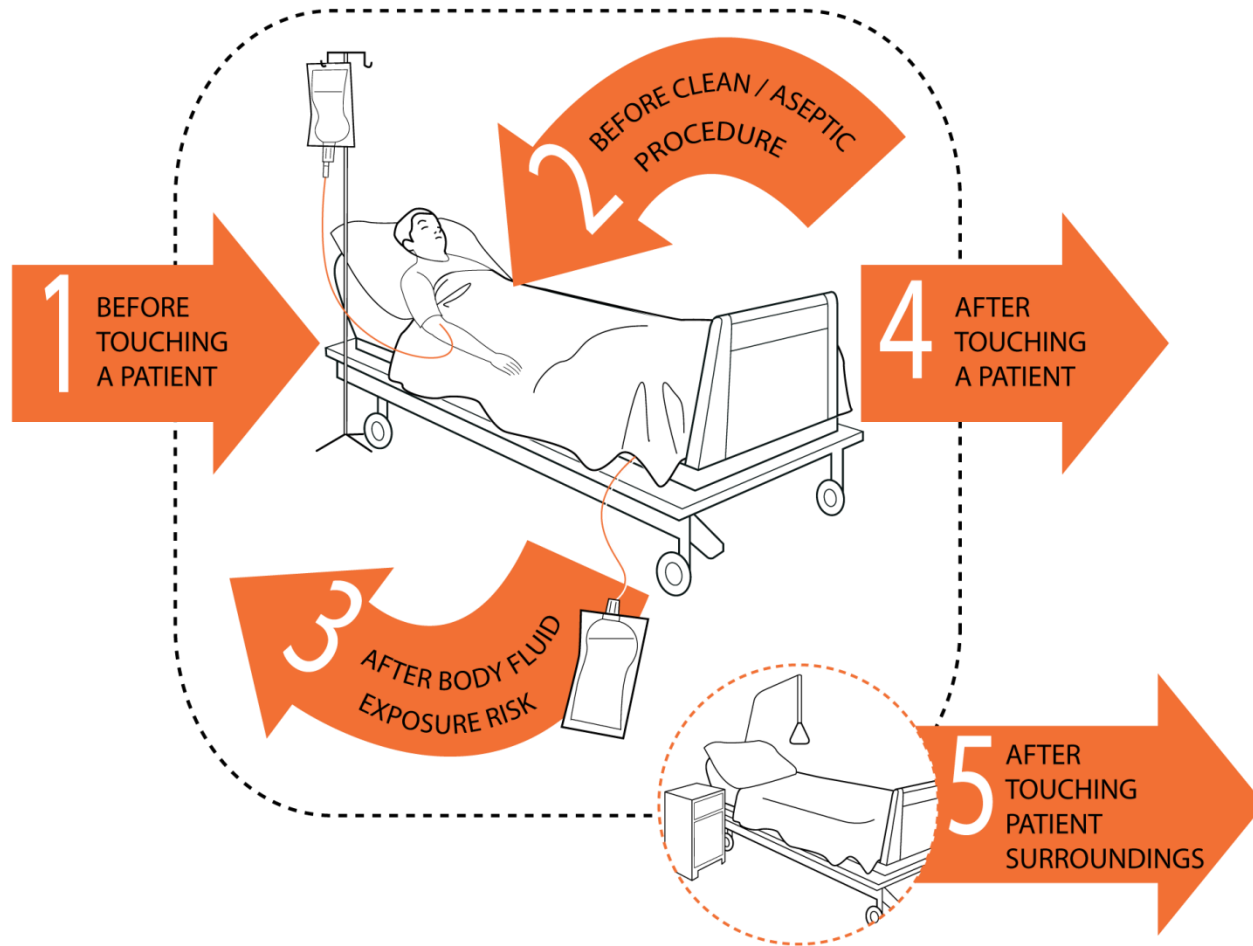
In US 20,000 cases of HAIs are directly related to poor hand hygiene annually.

Why should you clean your hands

- Any HCW involved in health care needs to be concerned about hand hygiene
- Other HCW hand hygiene concerns you as well
- You must perform hand hygiene to :
 - protect the patient against harmful microbes in your hands or present on your skin
 - protect yourself and the healthcare environment from harmful microbes

FIVE MOMENTS OF HAND HYGIENE

5 Moments of Hand hygiene

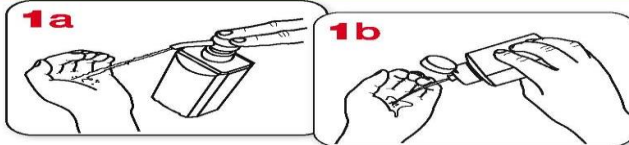


How to clean your hands

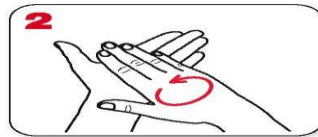
- Handrubbing with alcohol-based handrub is the preferred routine method of hand hygiene if hands are not visibly soiled
- Handwashing with soap and water – essential when hands are visibly dirty or visibly soiled (following exposure to body fluids)

How to handrub?

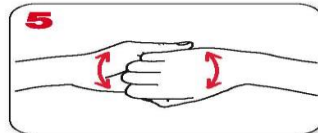
WITH ALCOHOL-BASED FORMULATION



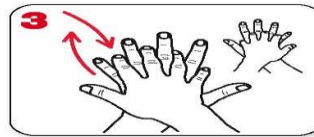
Apply a palmful of the product in a cupped hand and cover all surfaces.



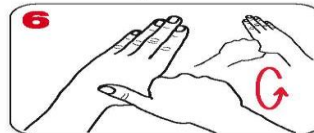
Rub hands palm to palm



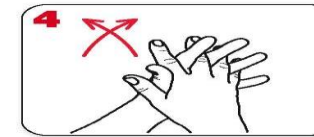
backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked



right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa



rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa



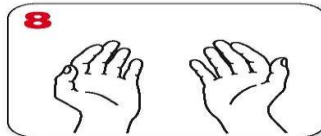
palm to palm with fingers interlaced



rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa



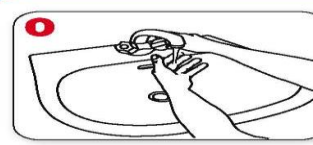
20-30 sec



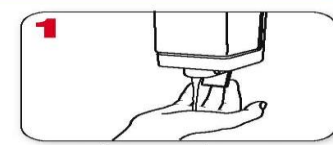
...once dry, your hands are safe.

How to handwash?

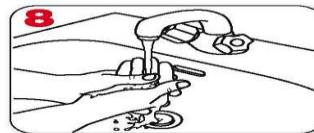
WITH SOAP AND WATER



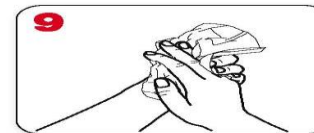
Wet hands with water



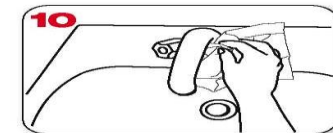
apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



rinse hands with water



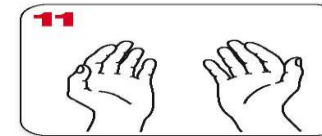
dry thoroughly with a single use towel



use towel to turn off faucet



40-60 sec



...and your hands are safe.

Hand hygiene and glove use

- The use of gloves does not replace the need to clean the hands
- Remove gloves to perform Hand hygiene, when an indication occurs while wearing gloves
- Wear gloves only when indicated, otherwise they become a major risk for germ transmission

ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

Mode of transmission

- A microorganism may be spread by a single or multiple routes.
 - Contact, direct or indirect
 - Droplet
 - Airborne
 - Vector-borne (usually arthropod) and
 - Common environmental sources or vehicles - includes food-borne and waterborne, medications e.g., contaminated IV fluids

Types of Isolation Precautions

- Standard precautions
- Transmission-based precautions
 - Contact precautions
 - Airborne precautions
 - Droplet precautions

TRANSMISSION-BASED PRECAUTIONS -

Contact Precautions

- Infections spread by direct or indirect contact with patients or patient-care environment –C. difficile, MRSA, VRE, ESBL, CRE and MDR GNR
- Limit patient movement
- Private/SINGLE room or cohort with patients with same infection
- Wear disposable gown and gloves when entering the patient room
- Remove and discard used gown and gloves inside the patient room
- Wash hands immediately after leaving the patient room
- Use dedicated equipment if possible (e.g., stethoscope)

Contact precautions signs



CONTACT PRECAUTIONS



Visitors must report to Nursing Station before entering.

-  Perform hand hygiene before entering and before leaving room.
-  Wear gloves when entering room or cubicle, and when touching patient's intact skin, surfaces, or articles in close proximity
-  Wear gown when entering room or cubicle and whenever anticipating that clothing will touch patient items or potentially contaminated environmental surfaces.
-  Use patient-dedicated or single-use disposable shared equipment or clean and disinfect shared equipment (BP cuff, thermometers) between patients.


PRECAUCIONES DE CONTACTO


Los visitantes deben presentarse primero al puesto de enfermería antes de entrar. Lávese las manos. Póngase guantes al entrar al cuarto.

CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

To prevent the spread of infection,

ANYONE* ENTERING THIS ROOM MUST WEAR:


**Gloves** ✓

**Gown** ✓

Applies whether or not contact with the patient or the patient's environment is anticipated.

*Patient visitors do not need to wear gloves and a gown, but must wash hands upon entering and leaving this room.

Questions? Please call the Department of Infection Control & Prevention at 936-0725



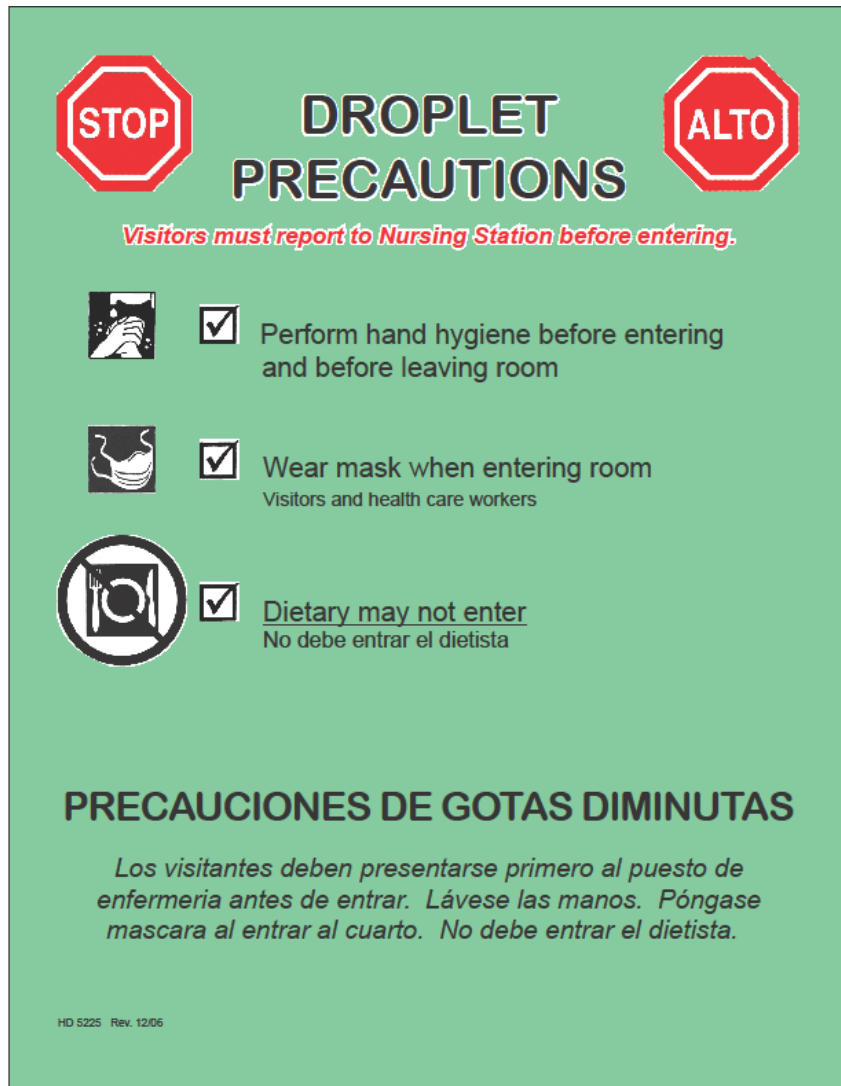
Droplet Precautions

- ✘ Reduce the risk of transmission by large particle droplets (larger than 5 μ in size).
- ✘ Requires close contact between the source person and the recipient
- ✘ Droplets usually travel 3 feet or less
- ✘ E.g. MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2 (non severe and no aerosol generating procedures AGP) influenza other respiratory viruses, adenovirus, RSV, rubella, parvovirus B19, mumps, *H. influenzae*, and *N. meningitidis*

Droplet Precautions cont.




- A private/single room or
- Cohort with patient with active infection with same microorganism
- Use a mask when entering the room especially within 3 feet of patient
- Limit movement and transport of the patient. Use a mask on the patient if they need to be moved and follow respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette

Droplet precautions signs



STOP **DROPLET PRECAUTIONS** **ALTO**

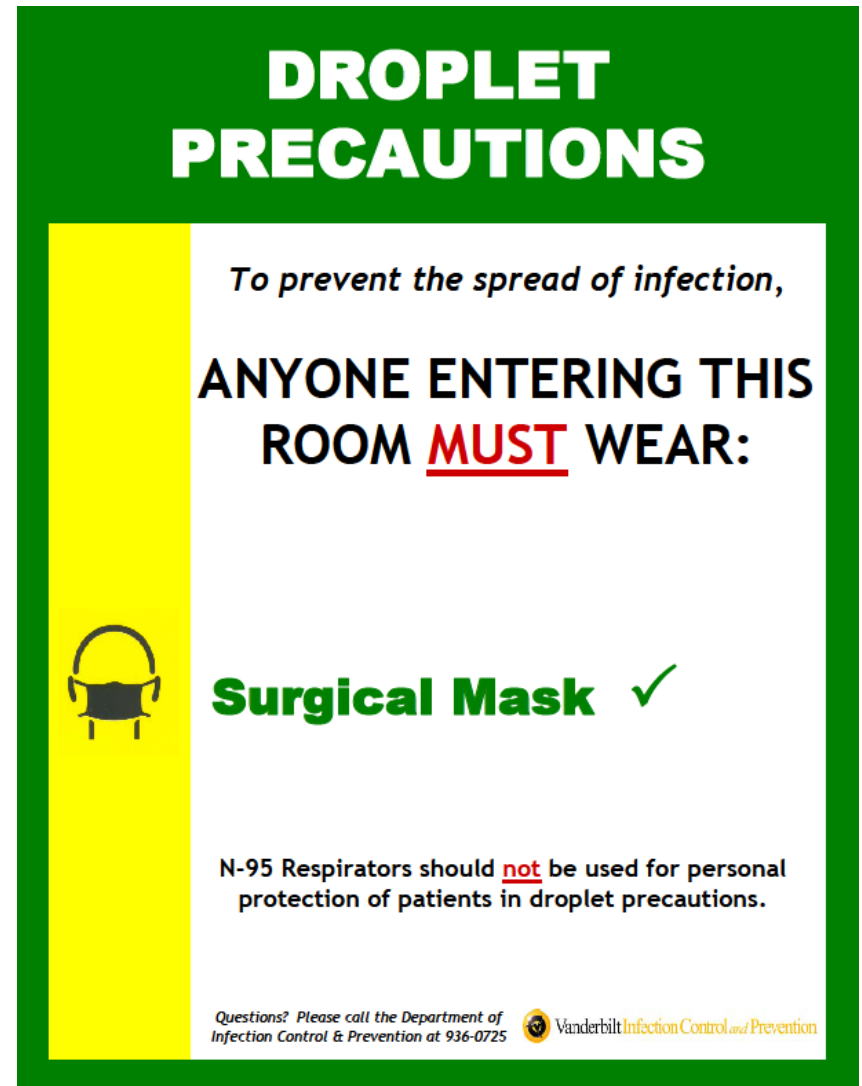
Visitors must report to Nursing Station before entering.

-  Perform hand hygiene before entering and before leaving room
-  Wear mask when entering room
Visitors and health care workers
-  Dietary may not enter
No debe entrar el dietista

PRECAUCIONES DE GOTAS DIMINUTAS

Los visitantes deben presentarse primero al puesto de enfermería antes de entrar. Lávese las manos. Póngase máscara al entrar al cuarto. No debe entrar el dietista.


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DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

To prevent the spread of infection,

ANYONE ENTERING THIS ROOM MUST WEAR:

 **Surgical Mask** ✓



N-95 Respirators should not be used for personal protection of patients in droplet precautions.

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Airborne Precautions





- ✘ Tuberculosis, measles, varicella
- ✘ COVID-19, MERS-CoV severe or AGP
- ✘ Place the patient in an airborne infection isolation room (AIIR)
- ✘ Pressure should be monitored with visible indicator
- ✘ Use of respiratory protection (e.g., fit tested N95 respirator) or powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) when entering the room
- ✘ Limit movement and transport of the patient. Use a mask on the patient if they need to be moved
- ✘ Keep patient room door closed.

Airborne precautions signs



AIRBORNE INFECTION ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

Visitors must report to Nursing Station before entering.


-  Perform hand hygiene before entering and before leaving room
-  Wear N95 respirator when entering room
Visitors see nurse for instruction on proper use.
-  Keep door closed
-  Dietary may not enter
No debe entrar el dietista

PRECAUCIONES AMBIENTALES

Los visitantes deben presentarse primero al puesto de enfermería antes de entrar. Lávese las manos. Póngase máscara N95 con filtro al entrar al cuarto. Mantenga la puerta cerrada. No debe entrar el dietista.


AIRBORNE PRECAUTIONS

To prevent the spread of infection,
ANYONE* ENTERING THIS ROOM MUST WEAR:

**N-95 Respirator** ✓

Also ensure that the **door** to the patient's room **remains closed at all times.**

***Patient visitors should wear a blue surgical mask while in the patient's room.**

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Summary of precautions for patients with COVID-19

Personal Protective Equipment	Close patient contact (within 2m)	Enter room but no contact with patient or environment	Cleaning room/area (Domestic staff)	AGP
Gown	✓	✗	✓	✗
Surgical mask	✓	✓	✓	✗
Long sleeved disposable gown	✗	✗	✗	✓
Fit Tested N95 respirator	✗	✗	✗	✓
Eye protection (goggles, face shield)	<i>Risk assess</i>	✗	✗	✓
Gloves	✓	✗	✓	✓

AGP = aerosol generating procedures

Safe injection practices

- Safe needle practice
- Reporting of needle stick and sharp injuries to infection control department

Serologies and Vaccination

- HBSAB titre (above 10)
- VZV
- MMR
- Td
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccine
- COVID-19 vaccine