CONTACT ENTERIC PRECAUTIONS
(In addition to Standard Precautions)

Families and Visitors follow instructions from information sheet.
(If you have questions, go to Nurse Station)

Everyone Must:

- Clean hands with sanitizer when entering room and wash with SOAP AND WATER upon leaving the room.

Doctors and Staff Must:

- Gown and glove at door.
- Use patient dedicated or disposable equipment. Clean and disinfect shared equipment.

This sign to be removed by Environmental Services after room cleaned.
Contact Enteric Precautions

*If patient has diarrhea and/or C. difficile use Contact Enteric Precautions*
Display sign outside the door. Remove sign after room is cleaned.

Common Conditions:
- Acute diarrhea with unknown etiology
- *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile, C. diff*)
- Norovirus
- Rotavirus

Dietary:
*Family and visitors should not eat in the room.*

Dishes/Utensils:
No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

Equipment and Supplies:
- 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.
- Only essential supplies in room.

Linen Management:
Bag linen in the patient’s room.

Patient Identification Procedure:
Use patient label for validation of patient identity and destroy in room after use.

Personal Protective Equipment: *USE SOAP AND WATER TO WASH HANDS WHEN LEAVING ROOM*
Put **ON** in this order:
1. Wash or gel hands
2. Gown
3. Mask (if needed)
4. Eye cover (if needed)
5. Gloves

Take **OFF** & dispose in this order:
1. Gloves
2. Eye cover (if used)
3. Gown
4. Mask (if used)
5. Must wash with soap and water (even if gloves used)

Private Room:
If not available, room with patient that has the same organism but no other infection.

Room Cleaning:
Thorough cleaning for enteric precautions with cubicle curtain changes per hospital procedure.
*Clean and disinfect with chlorine-based disinfectant as per hospital policy.*

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

*Discontinue precautions as per hospital policy or Infection Preventionist instructions.*

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