

Appendix L: Physician Information: Standard and Isolation Precautions

IFC023 – Infection Control and Prevention: Standard and Isolation Precautions

The objective of this policy is to reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both recognized and unrecognized sources to patients, healthcare staff, families and visitors through the use of Standard Precautions and Transmission Based Precautions (Contact, Droplet, Airborne and Maximum).

- Hand Hygiene shall be performed in accordance with IFC001 Hand Hygiene Policy.
- All staff have the responsibility to follow Standard Precautions in accordance with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogens Standards in order to protect themselves from the blood and body fluid of any patient.
- Standard Precautions means putting a barrier between oneself and the blood or body fluid of any patient by assessing the clinical procedure that needs to be done, determining the risk of exposure to patient's blood or body fluid and by wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) i.e. gloves, gown, fluidshield mask with eye protection, etc.
- In addition to Standard Precautions, there are four categories of Isolation Precautions: Contact, Droplet, Airborne and Maximum.
- Appendices within the policy detail important information about Isolation Precautions:
 - Appendix A: Isolation Precaution Chart
 - Appendix B: Disease Specific Isolation Precautions
 - Appendix C: Nurse Staffing Guidelines for Patients Requiring Maximum Precautions
 - Appendix D: Clinical Syndromes Warranting Empiric Isolation Precautions in Addition to Standard Precautions Adapted from CDC Guidelines for Isolation Precautions
 - Appendix E: Detailed Descriptions of Standard, Contact, Droplet, Airborne and Maximum Precautions
 - Appendix F: Isolation Codes for Patient Addressograph Cards
 - Appendix G: Transport of Isolation Patients
 - Appendix H: Scabies Isolation Precautions
 - Appendix I: Isolation in Johns Hopkins Outpatient Setting
 - Appendix J: Physician Information