

Standard precautions

Standard precautions must **always** be used when caring for all patients, regardless of their infection status



Perform hand hygiene



Clean and reprocess reusable patient equipment



Use personal protective equipment (PPE)*



Perform routine environmental cleaning



Use respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette



Handle and store waste safely



Use aseptic technique



Handle and store linen safely



Use and dispose of sharps safely

*When used as part of **standard precautions**, PPE protects against probable exposure to blood and body substances. When used as part of **transmission-based precautions**, PPE services as a barrier to specific means of transmission of infectious agents.