

Standard precautions

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



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Perform hand hygiene



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Use aseptic technique



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Perform routine environmental cleaning



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Use personal protective equipment (PPE)*



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Use and dispose of sharps safely



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Handle and store waste safely



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Use respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette



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Clean and reprocess reusable patient equipment



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Handle and store linen safely

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

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