

Contact Precautions (\geq PL1)

Clinical Indications:

1. Used when the organism is transmitted by direct contact with patient or environmental surfaces.
2. Patients with large infected ulcers and drainage that is not contained by dressing.
3. Any drug resistant organism, Clostridium difficile, Scabies, E. coli O157:H7, Noro type viruses, and the similar.

Contraindications:

1. None

Procedure:

1. Explain the need for Contact Precautions to the patient.
2. Everyone involved in direct patient care should wear clean gloves and gowns.
3. Gloves and gowns should be removed and hands washed with soap and water prior to leaving the treatment area or upon completion of patient transfer.
4. Additional protection (e.g. masks, face protection, goggles) should be added per Standard Precautions depending on the procedures done. (e.g. wear masks and eye protection for suctioning, intubation, or nebulized medication).