

# Nurse Huddle Message: Policy IC002 Update

# Revised IC002 Policy

- As of July 1, 2014, patients who have MRSA or VRE will NO LONGER require Contact Precautions (gloves/gowns).
- Why are we making this change?
  - Studies have not shown added benefit of gloves/gowns over hand washing for preventing transmission of MRSA or VRE.
  - There can be bad consequences to Contact Precautions, including poorer quality of care and healthcare workers spending less time with patients. Contact Precautions should only be used when necessary.
  - Studies have shown added benefit of additional efforts including daily CHG bathing in reducing healthcare-associated infections

# Major IC002 Changes

	Healthcare Worker	Visitor
Contact Precautions for MRSA/VRE		
Contact Precautions for other pathogens such as resistant Gram negative bacteria, some URI pathogens	X (on room entry)	
Contact/spore Precautions for <i>C.difficile</i>	X (on room entry)	
Droplet and Airborne Precautions	X (on room entry)	X (on room entry)
Practice Standard Precautions	X	X
Wash hands with alcohol rub or soap/water	X	X

# Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I keep myself and my patients safe?
  - Practice hand hygiene 100% of the time
  - Follow Standard Precautions when working with patients. Standard Precautions assumes that all blood and body fluid may be infectious
  - Use personal protective equipment to protect yourself when necessary. Use gloves, gowns, mask, and/or eye protection at your discretion depending on the patient's symptoms and procedures you will perform
- Do other infections/symptoms still require Contact Precautions?
  - Yes. For example, resistant Gram negative bacteria such as Acinetobacter or patients with URI symptoms, diarrhea, or a draining wound still require Contact Precautions
- When do Isolation Precautions need to be followed?
  - When Isolation Precautions are needed, please observe them *on room entry*

# Frequently Asked Questions

- MRSA Screening
  - Certain high risk patients will still need MRSA screening since this is a California state law
- How do I clear my patients from MRSA and VRE precautions after the policy change?
  - Clearance of MRSA and VRE precautions will no longer be necessary
- Chlorhexidine Bath Treatment
  - All patients >2mo old will be offered chlorhexidine (CHG) every day except postpartum women after vaginal birth, NICU, or Resnick Hospital patients
- How are patients being informed of the policy change?
  - A Patient FAQ information sheet will be given to patients. All healthcare workers can answer patient questions. For more detailed questions, ask your nurse unit leadership and/or Infection Prevention

# Care Connect Documentation Updates

## Admission Assessment

- Inpatient infection risk assessment redesigned to prompt isolation on admission.
  - The 4 questions include the *C. difficile* risk assessment and MRSA screening questions

**Infection Risk Assessment - Infection Risk Assessment**

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**Infection Risk Screening**

Does patient have signs and symptoms of a communicable disease requiring isolation?

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 Examples:
 

- Upper respiratory infection requiring DROPLET precautions
- Scabies requiring CONTACT precautions
- Suspect pulmonary tuberculosis requiring AIRBORNE precautions.

[Link to: List of diseases and conditions requiring isolation](#)

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Does patient have a yellow-box infection alert at the top of the chart?

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 Examples:
 

- Acinetobacter
- CRE

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**C. Difficile Risk Assessment**

Does patient have:

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 Row Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
**New onset of diarrhea = 3 or more unformed stool over a 24 hour period. Unformed stools may be soft, liquid or semi-liquid.**

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**MRSA Screening**

MRSA risk factors requiring surveillance?

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 For patients without confirmed history of MRSA, any risk factors above warrants an Active Surveillance Culture on each admission to rule out infection.  
**Internal transfers within UCLA Health System do not apply.**

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# Care Connect Documentation Updates

## Infection Alerts

- Infection prevention is removing the infection alerts for MRSA and VRE in Care Connect



- We will start adding *C. difficile* as an Infection Alert in Care Connect. *C. difficile* Infection Alerts will automatically ‘fall off’ the patient’s chart when they are discharged

# Resources

- If you have questions, talk to your nurse unit leadership or call Infection Prevention
  - RRMC 4-0187 or at SMH 9-8537
  - UCLA Clinical Epidemiology and Infection Prevention website
    - <http://infectionprevention.mednet.ucla.edu>



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