CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

(In addition to Standard Precautions)
(If you have questions, ask nursing staff)

Everyone Must:

Clean hands when entering and leaving room

AND

Gown and glove at door

Doctor’s and Staff Must:

Use patient-dedicated or disposable equipment

Clean & disinfect shared equipment
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Display sign outside the door. Remove sign after room is terminally cleaned.

**Common Conditions:** *If patient has diarrhea (C. difficile) use Contact Enteric Precautions*

- Multidrug resistant organisms
  - Carbapenem resistant Gram-negative rods/ESBL
  - Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
  - Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus (VRE)
- Scabies
- Wounds or abscesses with uncontained drainage

**Dishes/Utensils:**
No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

**Equipment and Supplies:**
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment including IV pumps, cell phone or pagers (if used in room), and other electronics, supplies, and equipment prior to removing from patient’s room.
- Ensure blood pressure cuff and stethoscope are cleaned and disinfected between patients.
- Only essential supplies in room.

**Linen Management:**
Bag linen in patient’s room.

**Patient Identification Procedure:**
Use patient label for validation of patient identity and destroy in room after use.

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

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**Private Room:**
If not available, room with patient that has the same organism but no other infection.

**Room Cleaning:**
Routine cleaning procedures with addition of cubicle curtain changes per hospital procedure.

**Transport:**
Essential transport only. Place patient in clean gown. Clean and disinfect transport vehicle. Alert receiving department regarding patient’s isolation precaution status.

*Discontinue precautions as per hospital policy or Infection Preventionist instructions.*