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CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

Common conditions for using contact precautions are:

- Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)
- Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* (VRE)
- Carbapenem-resistant *Enterobacterales* (CRE)
- Extended spectrum beta lactamase producers Gram Negative Rods (ESBL-GNR)
- Candida auris*
- Other multidrug resistant organisms
- Scabies
- Uncontained draining wounds or abscesses
- RSV

ENTERIC PRECAUTIONS

Common conditions for using enteric precautions are:

- Clostridioides difficile*
- Norovirus

DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

Common conditions for using droplet precautions are:

- B. pertussis* (Whooping cough)
- Influenza virus
- Rhinovirus
- Known or suspected *Neisseria meningitidis* (meningococcal) and *H. influenzae* meningitis
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Parvovirus B19

AIRBORNE PRECAUTIONS

Common conditions for using airborne precautions are:

- Mycobacteria tuberculosis* (TB)
- Measles

NEUTROPENIC PRECAUTIONS

The definition of neutropenia varies from institution to institution, but neutropenia is usually defined as an absolute neutrophil count (ANC) <1500 or 1000 cells/microL and severe neutropenia as an ANC <500 cells/microL or an ANC that is expected to decrease to <500 cells/microL over the next 48 hours.

Profound neutropenia is defined as an ANC <100 cells/microL. The risk of clinically important infection rises as the neutrophil count falls below 500 cells/microL and is higher in those with a prolonged duration of neutropenia (>7 days).

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Common conditions for using contact droplet precautions are:

Rhinovirus if associated with copious secretions

Invasive group A streptococcal infection associated with soft tissue involvement

Adenovirus pneumonia

**AIRBORNE
CONTACT
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Common conditions for using airborne contact precautions are:

Chickenpox

Disseminated Shingles

Smallpox

Monkeypox

Extrapulmonary tuberculosis (draining lesions)

**SPECIAL
DROPLET
CONTACT
PRECAUTIONS**

Common conditions for using special airborne contact precautions are:

COVID-19

SARs

**ENHANCED
BARRIER
PRECAUTIONS**

**LONG TERM CARE
FACILITIES ONLY USE
THIS FOR RESIDENTS
WHO HAVE:**

Infection or colonization with a novel or targeted MDRO when Contact Precautions don't apply.

Wounds and/or indwelling medical devices regardless of MDRO colonization status who reside on a unit/wing where a resident known to be infected or colonized with a novel or targeted MDRO resides.

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