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Removal of Contact Precautions for Patients with VRE with Prolonged Hospitalizations

To remove Contact Precautions for a patient with a prolonged (> 90 day) hospitalization admission, a patient must have **3 sets** of negative VRE surveillance cultures or VRE screens taken **at least 1** week apart.

Samples should be from either:

Stool specimen

OR

Rectal swab

Patient must be without antibiotics for **at least 7 days** before obtaining any VRE screen or stool specimen.

Contact Precautions may not be removed if patient has a positive VRE swab.

If the patient has 3 negative sets of VRE cultures or surveillance swabs, the VRE infection field may be removed by calling Infection Prevention at 984-974-7500, or by using the on-call pager at 919-216-2935.

Isolation Precautions policy: Attachment 11 UNC Medical Center