Contact Precautions

VISITORS: Report to nurse’s station before entering room.

STAFF: In addition to standard precautions, EVERY time you enter the room:

- **HAND HYGIENE:** Before and after patient contact.
- **GOWN:** REMOVE gown before exiting room.
- **GLOVES:** REMOVE gloves before exiting room.
- **PATIENT PLACEMENT:** Private room preferred but may cohort if necessary.
Healthcare workers may order staff supervised patient ambulation in unit hallways. Patient must be continent and body fluids contained. Place clean cover gown on patient and have patient perform hand hygiene before leaving room.

Restrict patient and visitors from common areas on the unit such as playrooms, classrooms, family lounges and pantries as well as other patient rooms.

Common conditions and/or pathogens requiring contact precautions include:

- Multi-drug resistant organisms (including MRSA, VRE, CRE and others)
- Diarrhea: Any patient who is incontinent or diapered
- Any large open draining wounds in which drainage cannot be contained
- Scabies
- Lice (Pediculosis)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Rotavirus

For more information, please consult the Transmission-based Isolation Precautions Policy located on the OHSU Policy Management System at https://ohsu.ellucid.com/home or contact the Department of Infection Prevention and Control at 503 494-6694.