

Agency Health Care Provider IPAC Onboarding

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Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Resources:

- Infection Preventionists (IP) are available Monday- Friday 08:00-16:00. Refer to [IPAC Contact List](#)
- [Infection Preventionist for Weekends and Statutory Holidays](#)

Routine Practices

- [Routine practices](#) are designed to reduce exposure risks and prevent the spread of harmful microorganisms. Must be utilized by **ALL** health care providers for **ALL** patients in **ALL** settings, **ALL** the time.

Point of Care Risk Assessment: [A Point of Care Risk Assessment \(PCRA\)](#) must be done by all health care providers before **every** interaction with a patient or their environment, to determine which measures are required to provide safe care and prevent the transmission of microorganisms.

Hand Hygiene: There are [4 moments for hand hygiene](#).

1. **Before** Initial Patient/Patient Environment Contact
2. **Before** Aseptic Procedure
3. **After** bodily fluid exposure risk.
4. **After** Patient/Patient Environment Contact



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Utilize PPE based on point of care risk assessment (PCRA). [How to don](#) and [How to doff](#).

Cleaning and disinfection:

Who is Responsible to Clean & Disinfect Equipment?

It is a shared responsibility between all health care providers and departments!

When is Cleaning & Disinfection Required?

Clean & Disinfect equipment immediately after use or contact with a patient: Wheelchairs, mobility equipment, phones, pens, computer equipment.



How do I Clean & Disinfect Equipment?

Cleaning and Disinfecting is a two-step process:

- 1) **CLEAN:** Use wipe(s) to clean off any dirt or debris.
- 2) **DISINFECT:** then use new wipe(s) to disinfect equipment.
Use friction, and allow for contact time with cleaning solution, and let it dry!

How do I know something has been cleaned and disinfected?

- Think "**Green is Clean**"
- Most units use green tape or sticky green notes on equipment to let everyone know it has been cleaned and disinfected.
- It is stored in a clean room or area (not dirty service)

If you are unsure of whether an item has been cleaned, clean and disinfect it before use.

Additional Precautions

- In addition to Routine Practices. Additional Precautions are sometimes necessary to protect everyone from the spread of infection.
- Refer to the following resources to guide selection of additional precaution measures:
 - [Additional Precautions transmission table for all care areas.](#)
 - [Syndromic Surveillance Screening Toolkit](#)



- PPE demonstrated on signage **MUST** be followed.
- It is the responsibility of the health care provider to ensure signage is VISIBLE to anyone who may enter the room. Signage to be posted at the entrance to patient room, or curtained bay.
- Update patients' profile on Meditech. Open patient chart, select menu, click on clinical data tab, and use Infection Control Precautions dropdown to update.

Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMP)

- When a health care provider is working with patient(s) on droplet or droplet contact precautions and an AGMP procedure is in place then AGMP guidelines are followed from [Infection Control \(bccdc.ca\)](#) and an N95 respirator shall be donned.

Antimicrobial Resistant Organisms and Multi-drug Resistant Organisms

Screening: Interview **ALL PATIENTS** being admitted to hospital. **NURSE** to complete [Acute Care Admission Screening for ARO's](#) and collect screening swabs as indicated upon receiving admission orders.

Special Indicators: Patients with a previous history of ARO, CPO and/ or *C. auris* will have an electronic alert applied in their Meditech profile by an Infection Preventionist.

ARO: Confirmed positive ARO (e.g. MRSA) patients.

MDR: Confirmed CPO and/ or *C. auris* patients.

EXP: Patients exposed to CPO and/ or *C. auris*.