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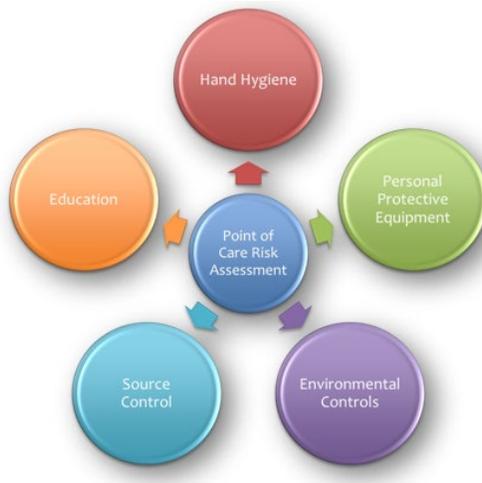
## Personal Protective Equipment

### Why Do We Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?

- To protect ourselves, patients & visitors
- To help prevent transmission of infectious microorganisms

### How Do I Know What PPE to Use?

- Conduct a [Point of Care Risk Assessment](#) to help you decide if you need PPE to protect yourself **before** interacting with a patient or their environment.



(E.g.: If a patient has a fever and cough → wear a gown, gloves, mask & eye protection)

- **Follow** [Additional Precautions](#) signage outside the patient's space.

(E.g.: if the patient has a Droplet & Contact Additional Precautions sign → wear a gown, gloves, mask & eye protection)

### How Do Visitors Know How to Put on PPE?

- Staff assist visitors by educating about PPE
- Refer to [Additional Precautions Quick Reference](#) or the resources on the [Additional Precautions](#) page to see which PPE visitors require for different Additional Precautions