



Infection Prevention Toolkit



Supporting Information Standard Precautions Audit

Hand Hygiene and Hand Care

- Hands must be decontaminated immediately before and after each episode of care, before applying gloves, and after removal of gloves, using an effective hand washing technique with liquid soap and water, or using an alcohol-based hand rub. If hands are visibly soiled they must be washed prior to the application of hand rub.
- Nails must be short, clean and polish free, no artificial nails/tips or adornments should be worn.
- Any skin conditions must be correctly managed with cuts/abrasions covered with a waterproof dressing.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Plastic aprons should be worn as single use items, for one procedure or episode of resident care.
- Gloves must be worn for invasive procedures, contact with sterile sites and non-intact skin or mucous membranes, and for all activities where there is risk of exposure to blood, body fluids, secretions or to sharp or contaminated instruments.
- Gloves must be CE approved.
- Face masks and eye protection must be worn where there is a risk of blood, body fluids, secretions or excretions splashing into the eyes/face.

Safe Disposal of Waste

- Waste should be segregated correctly. (domestic, offensive or infectious).
- Sharps container should be available at point of use, and be no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full and labelled correctly.
- Needles and syringes must not be disassembled or resheathed including razors, sharps must not be passed from hand to hand.
- Single use items should never be reused.
- Sharps should be segregated correctly (orange, yellow or purple lidded bin).
- Temporary closure mechanism must be in place when not in use

Clothes/Uniform should be clean and fit for purpose

- All staff should take a sensible approach to dress/appearance/cleanliness and personal hygiene.
- Clothing should be appropriate to the task in hand. Avoid wearing neck ties if possible or tuck tie into clothing for clinical procedures. ID badges should be on clips, not lanyards (neck straps).
- When providing hands on care arms should be bare below the elbows, uniforms/shirts/blouses etc should have short sleeves or have sleeves rolled up. This prevents contamination of cuffs which may come into contact with resident. It also allows correct handwashing to be carried out.
- Only 1 plain single band ring (without stones) is permitted.
- Wrist watches and bracelets should be removed.

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(Aim to reduce microbial contamination in everyday practice)

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Care Home Name:

Name and Designation of person completing audit (PRINT):

Date Audit Completed:

	Staff Name/ Initials	Procedure Observed	Hand Hygiene prior to episode of care		Personal Protective Equipment		Safe disposal of waste including sharps		Uniform/ Clothing clean and fit for purpose		Hand Hygiene after episode of care		Hand Care			All elements performed		
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