DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

Visitors check in with Nursing before entering.

For source control, ask patient to wear mask, if tolerated, when others are present.

PRIOR TO ENTERING:

Wash or gel hands

Wear mask

Wear eye protection
Face shield/goggles/eye protection

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Use patient dedicated or disposable equipment.
Clean and disinfect shared equipment.

If performing an *Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP)*, consider wearing a higher-level protection mask or respirator and keep door closed. Follow Facility Policy for performing AGPs.

Wear gown and gloves if contact with secretions is likely.

Display outside door. At patient discharge, remove sign AFTER room is terminally cleaned. Sign to be removed by Environmental Services after precaution discontinuation and room cleaned.

DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Steps below are reflective for all PPE, gather only PPE as listed on first page, in addition to other PPE per Standard Precautions.

Putting on PPE (Donning)

1. Perform hand hygiene
2. Put on isolation gown, secure ties/straps
3. Put on respirator or face mask, ensure appropriate and well fitting
4. Put on face shield or goggles
5. Put on gloves

Taking off PPE (Doffing)

If wearing a CAPR/PAPR, follow manufacturer's instructions for use to remove correctly.

1. While in the patient's room, remove gloves without contaminating hands.
2. Remove gown - Untie/unsnap ties, break ties if applicable for disposable gowns. Remove by grabbing one shoulder at a time to remove each arm, continue to pull gown down and away from the body. Roll gown as it is removed and place in the proper receptacle. You may now exit the room.
3. Upon exit, perform hand hygiene (use soap & water if visibly soiled, encountered stool, or were in Contact Enteric Precautions).
4. Remove face shield/goggles - avoid touching the front of eye protection that may be contaminated.
5. Remove and properly handle respirator/face mask – avoid touching the front that may be contaminated and dispose or decontaminate as appropriate.
6. Repeat hand hygiene.

FOR USE WITH CONDITIONS SUCH AS (Refer to facility policy):

- Influenza
- Meningitis
- Pertussis
- Other respiratory viruses per facility policy
- Mumps

PATIENT PLACEMENT

- Place patient in private room. If not available, follow facility guidelines for cohorting.

DISHES & UTENSILS

- No special precautions. Kitchenware sanitized in dishwasher.

LINEN & WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Bag linen in patient's room. Avoid excessive handling and do not shake linen. For biohazard waste, follow Category B Medical Waste guidelines.

ROOM CLEANING

- Routine cleaning procedures with addition of privacy curtain change per hospital procedure.

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

- Only essential equipment and supplies in room.
- Use dedicated or disposable equipment when available.
- Clean and disinfect reusable equipment/patient's room with disinfectant per facility policy.

TRANSPORT

- Alert receiving department regarding patient's isolation precaution status.
- Patient should clean hands. Have the patient wear a procedure mask, if tolerated.
- Transporter removes PPE and cleans hands prior to exiting patient room. If direct contact is anticipated during transport, wear appropriate PPE.
- Clean and disinfect transport vehicle.

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