

HOSPICE HOUSE INFECTION CONTROL SCENARIOS 2014

1. Mrs. S. is a patient admitted to the Hospice House from a long term care facility. She has a large draining wound on her coccyx and is incontinent of bowel and bladder. She is also experiencing agitation which is part of the symptom management plan of care. Her agitation and confusion prevent her from following instructions and to participate in her care. She tries to get out of bed, remove her clothes and bedding. Stool cultures for *C. diff* are pending.
 - What type of precaution would you implement for this patient?
 - What type of personal protective equipment (PPE) would you use when providing personal care to this patient?
 - What type of PPE would you use when performing wound care?
 - Describe the “5 moments” for hand hygiene when caring for this patient. Consider the potential for *C.diff* infection.
 - What instructions would you provide to family members and visitors?
 - Is there potential for environment contamination? If so, please identify areas of potential contamination.

2. Mr. G. is admitted to the Hospice House from Holy Family Hospital. He experienced respiratory arrest due to pneumonia related to *Hemophilus influenzae*. He is unable to control his respiratory secretions, is dyspneic and has a thick productive cough.
 - What type of precaution would you implement for this patient?
 - What type of PPE would you use for this precaution type?
 - How do you communicate the instructions for the other staff that will provide care?
 - Describe the “5 moments” for hand hygiene when caring for this patient
 - Describe the steps you would take as infection control precautions to change the bedding and handle laundry.
 - What instructions would you provide to family and visitors?

Answer Key Infection Control Scenarios

Scenario #1

1. Type of precaution-Contact
2. Type of PPE for personal care- gloves, mask with eye shield (as patient is agitated, cannot follow instructions), gown/apron. Also, use of a “MRSA kit” (Antibiotic resistant kit)
3. Type of PPE for wound care- Same as above
4. “5” Moments for hand hygiene- Before touching patient, before performing task, after exposure to body fluids (and after glove removal), after touching any object or furniture in patient room, and when leaving the patient.
5. Instructions for family and visitors- Perform hand hygiene before and after touching patient, objects in room. Do not touch any visibly soiled objects/linen.
6. Potential for environmental contamination- linen, bed, bedside furniture, patient’s toiletries, floor, furniture in room, commode, toilet.

Scenario #2

1. Type of precaution- Droplet
2. Type of PPE- Surgical loop mask when working within 3 feet of patient, gloves, apron/gown.
3. Communication of instructions to other care providers- Shift change, designation at entrance to room, on plan of care.
4. “5” Moments of hand hygiene- as previous
5. Steps to take when handling bedding/laundry- Perform hand hygiene, wear gloves, apron/gown. Have laundry basket/receptacle close to contaminated linen. Hold linen away from body. Perform hand hygiene after completion of task.
6. Instructions to family/visitors- Do not share cups, glasses with patient. Maintain 3 feet distance from patient or wear mask if wish to be closer. Perform hand hygiene when entering and leaving room.