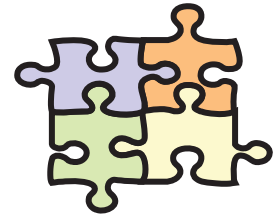


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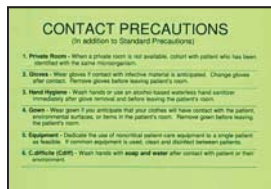
## "The Intent is to Prevent"



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### Welcome new Infection Preventionist!

Robin Tannous has joined the Infection Control & Prevention department as a full time Infection Preventionist. Robin comes to us after working as a surgical clinical reviewer with NSQIP. Prior to NSQIP, she worked in the operating room at Cedar Crest intermittently since in 1989. Robin graduated from Bloomsburg University in 1988, is married to Patrick and has three children.



### Isolation Magnets

Gel IN/Gel OUT signs should be placed in the acrylic placard on the door, Isolation magnets should be placed on the door frame.

### Hooks for Isolation Magnets

Hooks have been installed in all wallaroos for easy storage of your isolation magnets. If hooks have not been installed on your unit, please contact Amber Kucher – [Amber.L.Kucher@lvhn.org](mailto:Amber.L.Kucher@lvhn.org) or 610-402-0177.

### Patient Safety Alert - IV's

While reviewing some recent events involving IV's, it has been noted that the antecubital location for an IV site is often utilized. Please advise your staff that the **antecubital should be used as a last resort** and whenever possible to utilize other locations for peripheral IV's. Due to the constant bending of the arm, the antecubital IV takes a lot of wear and tear, resulting in problematic IV sites and infections. Also, once the antecubital site infiltrates, it is not best practice to seek a location below that site, which eliminates that arm for peripheral IV's. Thank you for all do to promote patient safety.

### Gel or Shellac Manicures

Gel and shellac manicures are considered artificial nails. Healthcare workers who provide direct patient care are not permitted to wear artificial nails or nail jewelry. For additional details, please reference the Requirements for Hand Hygiene policy in the Infection Control and Prevention manual - <http://lvhwebcontent.lvhn.com/?id=1224&sid=1#Section1>.

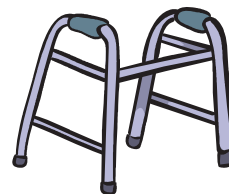


## GlitterBug Brochures

New GlitterBug brochures are available to showcase this wonderful community opportunity made possible by The Leonard Pool Society. This can be found on our website by clicking on this link - <http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=223&sid=1>. For copies, please contact the Infection Control and Prevention department at 610-402-0680.

## Cleaning Equipment

Clean transport vehicles (litters, wheelchairs, walkers, etc.) between patients on a scheduled basis using hospital approved disinfectant wipes. For additional details, please reference the Clinical Services policy in the Infection Control and Prevention manual - <http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=1224&sid=1#Section5>.



## Urine Specimen Collection

The Microbiology Department at Health Network Laboratories will start rejecting under filled urine specimens. The message from them narrows the problem of inadequate volumes to urine samples collected immediately after foley insertion. The reasoning for rejecting specimens with low volumes of urine is twofold. First, boric acid is added to the tubes as a preservative therefore the dilutional factor in the presence of inadequate urine volume may lead to false negative results. Secondly, the microbiology department is utilizing a new piece of equipment that requires a minimum volume of specimen in each tube. So please remember to verify that the urine in the collection tube reaches the "minimum" fill line to assure reliable testing. If samples are submitted with inadequate urine volume they will be rejected and testing not performed.



## Hand Sanitizer Storage

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) under the Life Safety Code there is a restriction to the amount of alcohol-based hand sanitizer that can be stored:

- In a single smoke compartment **outside of a storage cabinet** - no more than 10 gallons which equals [71] - 18oz containers
- **Storage** of quantities greater than 5 gallons in a single smoke compartment must meet the NFPA Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code this equals **35.5** - 18oz containers

Please be cautious about how many containers are either mounted on your unit walls or placed on counters throughout the unit. Do NOT exceed storage requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns please direct them to John Lehr in Emergency Preparedness at 610-969-2443.

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