

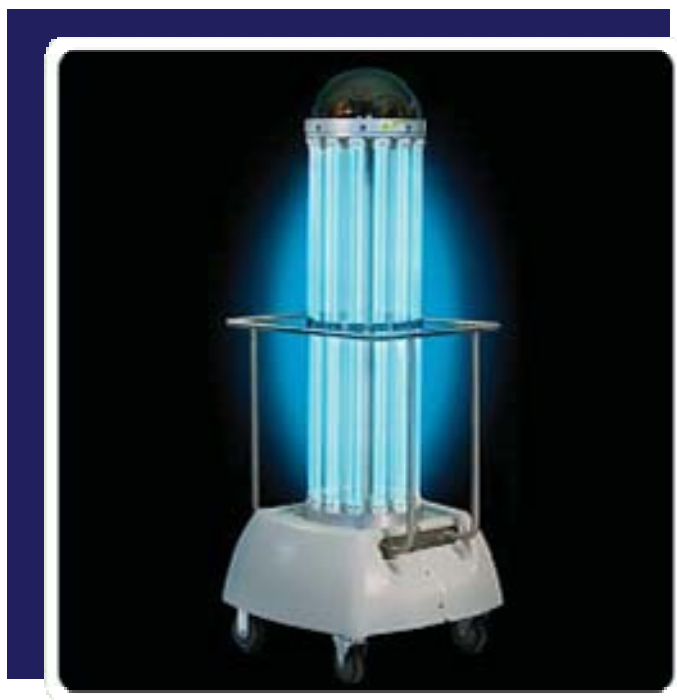
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TRU-D Total Room Ultraviolet Disinfection Machine

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Guidelines have been developed for the deployment of TRU-D. You may access the guidelines by clicking on this link and selecting TRU-D Guidelines from the menu bar on the left:

<http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=219&sid=1>

Airborne Infection Isolation Turnover Times for TB Patients

Please follow the turnover times listed below for patients with **documented** Tuberculosis.

- Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) or Operating Room (12-15 air exchanges): **One** hour
- Regular Patient Room (6 air exchanges): **Two** hours

Blood Culture Volume Audit

A blood culture volume audit was performed by Health Network Labs on 1/16/12. Upon investigation of 200 blood culture bottles examined, only 65% were filled correctly. 39 were under-filled, 31 were over-filled, and 130 were filled correctly. The ultimate goal is for 95% of all blood culture bottles to be filled correctly. It is critically important to obtain 10ml to assure accurate blood culture results. Obtaining these properly affects patient treatment and outcomes. Please click on the link for the complete report - <http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=2400&sid=1>

Clean Beds in Storage

Clean and disinfected beds that are not in use should be stored without linen on them. They must be wiped down again prior to use.

Contact time for Disinfectants

- Asepti-Wipes - 5 minutes
- Clorox Germicidal Wipes - 9 minutes
- Expose - Phenolic disinfectant - 9 minutes
- Virex 256 - QUAT disinfectant - 9 minutes

Health Network Laboratories *LAB-LINK*

Valuable information such as new tests, specimen guidelines and much more is contained in the monthly Health Network Lab Link. If you are not currently receiving this publication, please contact Leanne Aquino at Leanne.Aquino@hnlabs.com to subscribe.

Isolation Gowns

Par levels for isolation gowns have been increased on all units. Reminder, they are single use only.

STOP Labels for Asepti and Clorox Wipe Bottles

In order to remind patients and visitors not to use the Asepti and Clorox wipes on their skin, "***STOP - Do Not Use Wipes on Skin***" labels will be placed on all bottles.



Isolation Precautions Sign Order Form

The Isolation Precautions Sign Order Form has been revised to include our new contact information at the Mack Building. Please discard all old forms. The form is available on the Infection Control and Prevention website - <http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=1928&sid=1>

Linen and Bed Change Guidelines

The Linen and Bed Change Guidelines are available as Attachment A in the Materials Management policy (renamed Supply Chain Management) contained in the Infection Control and Prevention manual - <http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=1224&sid=1>



New Hand Hygiene Signage

Newly branded hand hygiene signage has been designed. There will be a mass distribution of this signage as well as isolation signs in the near future. Dates to announced.

Outpatient Exposures

When a healthcare worker sustains a blood or body fluid exposure to a patient in an outpatient facility, please make every attempt to keep the patient in your area until the event is reported to Employee Health Services and the Infection Control and Prevention Departments. It is in the best interest of the patient to receive pre-test information prior to HIV testing while they are still in the office setting. After documented informed consent is obtained, the patient can be directed for blood work if necessary.

Respiratory Virus Isolation

It's Respiratory Virus season. Listed below is a friendly reminder of appropriate precautions.

Influenza - patients should be placed on **Droplet** Precautions

Adenovirus, Metapneumo, Rhinovirus, RSV, et al. (all other respiratory viruses OTHER THAN Influenza), patients should be placed on both Contact and Droplet Precautions.

Fit Testing and PAPR Update

Fit testers are reminded that PAPRs should be available during fit testing in the event an employee is unable to be fit tested for the N-95 mask. All personnel required to use the PAPR must be trained on how to put it on, take it off and disinfect it after use. A return demonstration is advisable. PAPRs can be obtained at all sites from SDS and should be present during fit testing sessions.

The Infection Control and Prevention Department has received reports that PAPRs are not always returned to SDS. We strongly recommend that PAPRs obtained from SDS are returned to that department when no longer in use on a patient care unit. PAPRs have batteries that must be recharged periodically to remain dependable when needed. Annual maintenance by Clinical Engineering is also necessary and they need to know where all the units are located. Storage of PAPRs on patient care units/department is not recommended unless approved and coordinated by the Infection Control and Prevention Department.

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Save the Date

The 4th Annual Fleming Infection Prevention and Infectious Diseases Symposium will be held on Friday, October 5, 2012. This year's theme is *Break the Chain of Infection*. We have a wonderful list of local and national speakers including Dr. Julie Gerberding, Dr. Bennett Lorber, Denise Murphy, RN, Russell Nassof, Esq., Dr. Ed Septimus, and Dr. Tom Talbot.

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