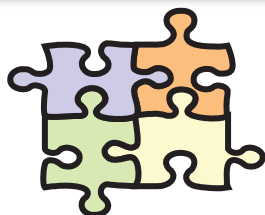


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New Hand Hygiene Product

Most hospital based units have completed a conversion to a new EcoLab *foam* soap and *foam* alcohol-based hand sanitizer. General Services is responsible for replenishing all foam soap. They will also replace alcohol based hand sanitizer in common areas only. All units are responsible for replenishing their own supply of alcohol based hand sanitizer. If you have any questions, please contact your Infection Preventionist.

Patient Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene products are available for patients. Encourage patients and their visitors to perform hand hygiene often, especially prior to eating and after using the restroom.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD)

Please contact Infection Control and Prevention when you have a patient with suspected or known CJD.

- Place a brown wrist band noting CJD on patients with suspected or known CJD.
- Place brown labels noting CJD on all specimens prior to sending them to the lab (**DO NOT** use pneumatic tubes).
- Notify any department anticipating performing invasive procedures on a patient with possible diagnosis of CJD (includes lumbar punctures).

For additional information, please refer to Infection Control & Prevention policy located "Precautions for Patient Contacts and Specimens of Suspected or Known Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease". See Attachment D for "Key Recommendations for OR Procedures".

★ EPIC Corner

Influenza like Illness (ILI)

"R/O ILI" may appear in the **Infection Status** banner of a patient being tested for an Influenza-like illness. If the patient is positive for Influenza, the **Infection Status** banner will be changed to "Influenza". If the patient has another type of respiratory illness, i.e. adenovirus or rhinovirus, the **Infection Status** will be changed to "+ILI" for (Influenza type Illness).

Isolation: Droplet
Infection: r/o ILI

Isolation: Droplet
Infection: +ILI

Isolation: Droplet
Infection: Influenza

Droplet Precautions



Reminder for patients on Droplet Precautions. A **new** mask must be donned **each time** when entering a room of a patient on Droplet Precautions. Do not touch the front of the mask as it is contaminated after use. For ear loop mask, remove the mask from the side with your head tilted forward. For tied mask, remove by only handling the ties and untie the bottom tie followed by the top tie.

FLABR and RPPPR

FLABR - Flu A, Flu B, and RSV (Flu A is not typed)

- Run 24/7, several times per shift
- Turnaround time depends on when it arrives at Health Network Laboratories
 - * Once the specimen is in Micro, turnaround time is two hours
- We suggest this is ordered if someone is sick but will be sent home, with or without medication

“New” RPPPR - Comprehensive Respiratory Virus Testing - PCR

- 20 pathogen panel that includes Flu A & B, RSV, Parainfluenza, Metapneumovirus, Rhino/Enterovirus, and Adenovirus, Coronavirus, Human Bocavirus, Chlamydomydia pneumonia and Mycoplasma pneumoniae
- Test run 3 times a day
- It is suggested to order if the patient is very ill and will be admitted to an ICU

Protecting High Level Disinfected Vaginal and Rectal Probes

Cover all vaginal and rectal probes after they are disinfected to protect them from re-contamination.



Disinfectant Contact Time

Each disinfectant, including wipes and spray, have a minimum contact or “dry” time. The contact time represents the amount of time the disinfectant solution must remain wet on the surface to achieve adequate disinfection. Check the label for the contact time.

Collecting Specimens for Stool Pathogens

Do not delay submitting a stool specimen for testing. New PCR technology is utilized for testing stool specimens for *C. difficile*, bacteria, viruses, and parasites. PCR testing is NOT impacted if the stool is mixed with urine and will not be rejected by the laboratory.

Handling Personal Items from Patients Identified with Bed Bugs

Place all patient belongings from patients identified with bed bugs in clear plastic bags, **do not** place in red biohazard bag. For additional information, please refer to the Infection Control and Prevention Policy, “Care of the Patient Infested with Bed Bugs and Fleas (External Parasites)”.



Stop Signs for Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer Dispensers

Stop signs should be placed on alcohol based hand sanitizer dispensers for patients with *C. difficile* reminding personnel to wash with soap and water. Use Velcro strips to attach the sign to the dispenser. Please **do not** throw the stop signs away upon patient discharge.

Welcome **OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS**



Adrienne "Addy" Bell joined the Infection Control and Prevention department as a full time Infection Preventionist in August 2015. Addy started her career at LVHN in the Sterile Processing Department first as technician and then as department manager and professional educator. Most recently she assisted the Joint Commission Regulatory Excellence team in accreditation and regulatory compliance activities. She is a certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (CSPDT) and has a Bachelor's degree in business management.

Addy lives in Nazareth with her husband and daughter. In addition to spending time with her family she loves camping, hiking, running and reading. Addy is very excited to have joined such a wonderful team of colleagues and looks forward to working on infection prevention in the ambulatory setting. She hopes her knowledge, past experience and current efforts will make a difference to our patients and their safety.

Brenda Croll-Stachelek joined the Infection Control and Prevention department as a part-time Infection Preventionist in August 2015. Brenda has been a nurse for 29 years and has worked in a variety of areas including Med/Surg, ICU, IR, Home Care and Education. She managed an Endoscopy Unit for 8 years at a local community hospital while finishing her BSN. Additionally, she earned her MSN with an Emphasis in Public Health from Grand Canyon University. She is currently an adjunct professor at Gwynedd Mercy University in Gwynedd Valley, PA.



Brenda lives in Harleysville with her husband and boxer dog, Beau. They have 5 grown children and 5 beautiful grandchildren. In addition to spending time with her family, she loves to travel, ski, snowmobile, hike, bike, and read. Brenda is very excited to be joining the IC&P department at LVHN and hopes her work will make a difference to our patients and their safety. She feels blessed to be with such a great group of colleagues.



Brynn Walsh joined the Infection Control and Prevention department as a full time Project Coordinator in July 2015. Brynn comes to us with 11 years of experience working at Keystone Human Services, providing services to individuals with intellectual disabilities and mental illness.

Brynn lives in Albutis with her husband, 2 children and her adorable 9 year old Pomeranian dog, Jeter. Her husband, Mike, is an assistant manager at Behr Process Corporation Distribution Center. Her daughter Aubrie is a freshman at Emmaus High School and is on the JV cheerleading squad. Her son Derek is in 3rd grade at Albutis Elementary School and plays tackle football, basketball and baseball. Brynn enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends, running, and cooking. Brynn is very excited to be part of the Infection Control and Prevention team at LVHN.

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