One and Only Campaign
Gentle reminder that a national patient safety initiative was launched to protect our patients from contamination of used needles or IV fluids. An eLearning course was developed and is required for all those who provide care to our patients. One needle, one syringe, one time. The eLearning course name is “One and Only Campaign” and the course number is “CS1ONLYC11”. Please also take a few moments to view the campaign video - http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org/.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
It is an OSHA requirement that employees wear PPE (gowns, gloves, masks and eyewear) in the event that exposure to blood and body fluids is anticipated.

It is ALSO a requirement that the PPE is removed at the point in which it was used after the task is completed. The wearing of PPE throughout the institution is prohibited. This provides unwarranted exposure of contaminated PPE to patients, visitors and/or coworkers. PPE should NOT be substituted as a jacket for warmth.

Gloves for Using Disinfectant Wipes
A reminder, gloves should be worn whenever the asepti-wipes or chlorox wipes are utilized for environmental cleaning. This reduces the potential for skin irritation.

Exchanging Asepti Wipes with Bleach Wipes for Patients with CDIF
Containers of Asepti Wipes must be switched out and replaced with Bleach Wipes for patients suspected or identified with CDIF. What to do with the "displaced" container has been brought to our attention. Containers should not be placed in the patient's bathroom, on their bedside stand or on the over the bed tray. Opened containers that have been replaced with Bleach Wipes (or Bleach Wipes that are replaced with Asepti Wipes after patient discharge) can be wiped off and taken to the soiled utility room for storage and reuse when needed.

Disinfectant Wipe Stickers
We have been made aware that some patients or families have inadvertently mistaken the disinfectant wipes for personal hygiene wipes. Therefore we are in the process of designing warning stickers that will be distributed and should be affixed to all the disinfectant wipe containers. The stickers will say "Stop, Wipes for Environmental Cleaning ONLY". Once they are available a notice will be sent.