

Isolation Guidelines

Patient Management Negative Pressure Rooms are: IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS: Infectious Diseases _____ - _____ Infection Control _____ - _____ ER _____ - _____ USAMRIID 301-619-2833, CDC Emergency Response Office 770-488-7100	BACTERIAL AGENTS									VIRUSES				BIOLOGICAL TOXINS			
	Anthrax	Brucellosis	Cholera	Glanders	Bubonic Plague	Pneumonic Plague	Tularemia	Q Fever	Smallpox	Venez. Equine Encephalitis	Viral Encephalitis	Viral Hemorrhagic Fever	Botulism	Ricin	T-2 Mycotoxins	Staph. Enterotoxin B	
Isolation Precautions																	
Standard Precautions for all aspects of patient care	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Contact Precautions (gown & gloves; wash hands after each pt encounter)			X***	X*	X*					X				X*			
Airborne Precautions (negative pressure room & N95 masks for all individuals entering the room)								X			X**						
Droplet Precautions (surgical mask)						X					X**						
Patient Placement																	
No restrictions	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	
Cohort 'like' patients when private room unavailable			X***	X*	X	X			X		X				X*		
Private Room			X***	X*	X*	X			X		X				X*		
Negative Pressure									X		X**						
Door closed at all times									X		X**						
Patient Transport																	
No restrictions	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	
Limit movement to essential medical purposes only			X***	X*	X*	X			X		X				X*		
Place mask on patient to minimize dispersal of droplets						X			X		X**						
Cleaning and Disinfection																	
Routine cleaning of room with hospital approved disinfectant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Disinfect surfaces with 10% bleach solution or phenolic disinfectant											X						
Dedicated equipment (disinfect prior to leaving room)			X***	X*	X*				X		X				X*		
Linen management as with all other patients	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Linens autoclaved before laundering in hot water with bleach added									X								
Post-mortem Care																	
Follow principles of Standard Precautions	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Droplet Precautions (surgical mask)						X											
Contact Precautions (gown & gloves)				X*	X*				X		X				X*		
Avoid autopsy or use Airborne Precautions & HEPA filter						X			X		X**						
Routine terminal cleaning of room with hospital approved disinfectant	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Disinfect surfaces with 10% bleach solution or phenolic disinfectant											X						
Minimal handling of body; seal body in leak-proof material											X						
Cremate body whenever possible									X								
Discontinuation of Isolation																	
48 hrs of appropriate antibiotic and clinical improvement						X											
Until all scabs separate									X								
Until skin decontamination completed (1 hr contact time)														X			
Duration of illness			X***	X*	X*						X						
STANDARD PRECAUTIONS - Standard Precautions prevent direct contact with all body fluids (including blood), secretions, excretions, non-intact skin (including rashes) and mucous membranes. Standard Precautions routinely practiced by healthcare providers include: splash/spray, and gowns to protect skin and clothing during procedures. *Contact precautions needed only if the patient has skin involvement (bubonic plague: draining bubo) or until decontamination of skin is complete (T2 Mycotoxins). **A surgical mask and eye protection should be worn if you come within 3 feet of pt. Airborne precautions are needed if patient has cough, vomiting, diarrhea or hemorrhage. *** Contact precautions needed only if the patient is diapered or incontinent																	