

Patient Safety Awareness Week March 9–15, 2025



HAND HYGIENE

- ✓ Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after patient contact
- ✓ Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers when soap and water are not available
- ✓ Encourage patients and visitors to practice hand hygiene



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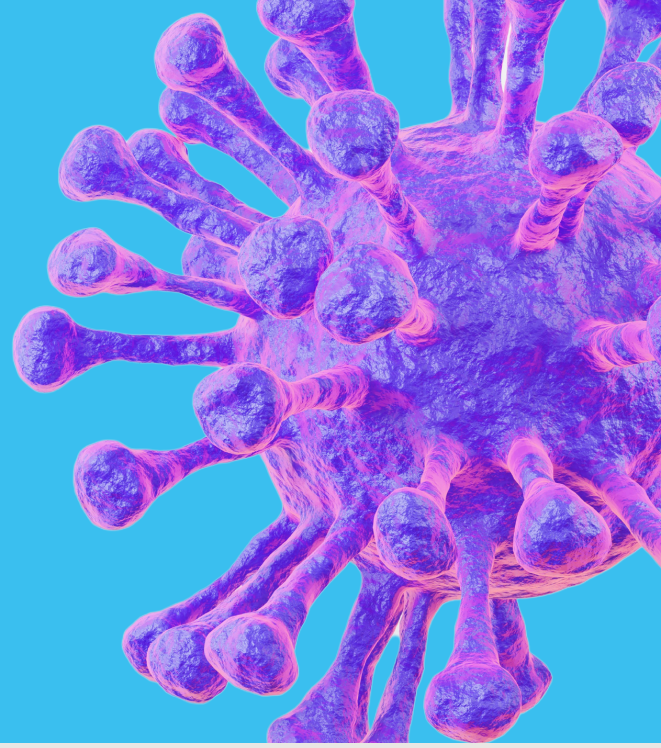
MEDICATION SAFETY

- ✓ Double-check patient identification before administering medications.
- ✓ Verify medication orders and dosages with a second healthcare professional.
- ✓ Educate patients about their medications and potential side effects



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INFECTION CONTROL

- ✓ Standard Precautions: Always use personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, gowns, masks, and eye protection when necessary
- ✓ Transmission-Based Precautions: Implement contact, droplet, or airborne precautions based on the patient's condition
- ✓ Environmental Cleaning: Regularly clean and disinfect medical equipment and surfaces, especially high-touch areas
- ✓ Sterilization and Disinfection: Follow proper procedures for sterilizing instruments and disinfecting reusable medical devices
- ✓ Sharps Safety: Use safety-engineered devices and dispose of sharps in designated containers to prevent needlestick injuries



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COMMUNICATION & PATIENT EDUCATION

- ✓ Use clear and concise communication with patients and colleagues
- ✓ Implement and follow standardized handoff procedures
- ✓ Encourage patients to ask questions and express concerns
- ✓ Provide patients with clear instructions and educational materials about their care
- ✓ Encourage patients to participate in their care and decision-making
- ✓ Offer resources for patients to learn more about their conditions and treatments



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PREVENTING FALLS

- ✓ Assess patients' fall risk and implement appropriate safety measures
- ✓ Ensure that patient rooms are free of clutter and well-lit
- ✓ Provide assistive devices and support for patients with mobility issues



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SURGICAL SAFETY

- ✓ Conduct preoperative checklists and time-outs to verify patient identity, surgical site, and procedure
- ✓ Maintain a sterile environment in the operating room
- ✓ Monitor patients closely during the postoperative period for complications



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PREVENTING PRESSURE ULCERS

- ✓ Regularly reposition patients who are bedridden or have limited mobility
- ✓ Use pressure-relieving devices such as special mattresses and cushions
- ✓ Inspect patients' skin daily for signs of pressure ulcers



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