

Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions

This domain performs a comprehensive assessment of Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions functionality and implementation at the facility as it currently functions.

Organizational Structure

1 - Patients requiring Transmission-Based Precautions are identified and managed in a manner consistent with the hospital policy to reduce the spread of disease.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

2 - Does the facility provide sufficient financial resources to ensure PPE supply remains adequate so adherence to Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions can be maintained?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

3a - Does the facility provide adequate PPE supply storage at point of care so adherence to Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions can be maintained?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

3b - What PPE is available at point of care?

- Respirators
- Facemasks
- Gowns
- Gloves
- Eye protection
- None
- Other

4 - Does the facility have defined staff responsibilities for stocking PPE and supply to ensure adherence to Standard & Transmission-Based Precautions is maintained?

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5b - Are staffing models (nurse-patient assignments) modified to minimize the risk of infectious disease transmission?

- Yes
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Policy & Procedure

6a - Does the facility have policies and standard operating procedures regarding standard & Transmission-Based Precautions? Select all that apply:

- Standard Precautions
- Transmission-Based Precautions
- Unsure
- None

6b - Are the Standard & Transmission-Based Precautions policies and procedures based on nationally recognized guidelines and applicable state and federal law?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Education & Training

7a - Does the facility have a competency-based training program for Standard Precautions?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

7b - Who receives Standard Precautions Education and Training?

- Clinical Healthcare Personnel
- Ancillary Services
- Non-clinical Healthcare Personnel
- Clinical Support
- Students & Trainees
- Volunteers
- Contractors
- None
- Other

7c - What is included in Standard Precautions Education and Training?

- Definition of standard precautions
- Chain of infection
- Selection of PPE
- Glove use in standard precautions
- Gown use in standard precautions
- Facemask use in standard precautions
- Eye protection use in standard precautions
- PPE donning sequence
- PPE doffing sequence

Other

7d - What frequency is Standard Precautions education and training provided?

- Upon hire
- Annually
- When new products and protocols are introduced
- As remediation for compliance failures
- Targeted performance improvement
- None

8a - Does the facility have a competency-based training program for Transmission-Based Precautions?

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8c - What is included in Transmission-Based Precautions education & training as it pertains to the healthcare personnel's role?

- Types of Transmission-Based Precautions
- Initiation of isolation precautions
- Duration of isolation precautions
- Selection of PPE
- PPE donning sequence
- PPE doffing sequence
- Transmission-Based Precautions signage and alerts
- Contact precautions education (including required PPE)
- Droplet precautions education (including required PPE)
- Airborne precautions education (including PPE and ventilation requirements for All rooms)
- Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP) (including PPE and ventilation requirements)
- Patient transport while in Transmission-Based Precautions
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Identify, Isolate, Inform

11 - Does the facility have a system in place for early detection and management of potentially infectious persons (e.g., non-patients, visitors, volunteers) at initial points of entry to the hospital?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

12a - Does the facility have a system in place for early detection and management of potentially infectious patients at initial points of entry to the hospital?

- Yes
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12b - What is assessed at initial points of entry to the hospital?

- Travel history
- Symptom review
- History of MDRO
- Exposure history
- None
- Other

13 - Patients with known or suspected infections AND/OR with evidence of syndromes that represent a risk for disease transmission are placed into appropriate Transmission-Based Precautions at the healthcare facility.

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- Rarely
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14 - Does the facility have a standardized protocol for identification and communication of a patient's infection status while receiving care?

- Yes
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15 - What communication or indication(s) prompt healthcare personnel to place patients into Transmission-Based Precautions?

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- Initial suspicion by physician
- Initial suspicion by nurse
- New test/ labs results, e.g., MDRO
- When the IP calls with new information
- None of the above
- Other

16 - Is the authority to place patients in Transmission-Based Precautions delegated to those providing direct care?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

17 - How are patients identified at the facility as under investigation or infected with a transmissible pathogen?

- Infection flag in the electronic EMR
- Paper chart
- Sign outside of patient room- visible to staff
- Formal verbal communication, e.g., SBAR
- Informal verbal communication
- None
- Other

18 - Does the facility have a system in place for early detection and isolation of infectious patients identified during the hospital stay?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

19 - How are frontline staff notified that a patient requires Transmission-Based Precautions during their care?

- Lab notifies frontline staff
- IP notifies frontline staff
- Lab/ Micro results review by frontline staff
- Other

20 - Are protocols in place for extended duration of Transmission-Based Precautions for immunosuppressed patients with viral infections due to the prolonged shedding of viral pathogens in that patient population?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

21 - Are pathogen-specific protocols in place to evaluate if a patient can be removed from isolation?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Audit & Feedback

22a - Does the facility audit adherence to Standard & Transmission-Based Precautions?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

22b - How are Standard & Transmission-Based Precautions audits performed?

- Health record review
- Isolation sign validation
- Unit rounds
- Daily isolation list
- None
- Other

22c - Do auditors provide immediate real-time feedback to healthcare personnel in the moment?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

22e - On a given day, how many isolation issues or concerns does the IPC program need to address?

- Zero
- One to Two
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Environment of Care

23 - Are respiratory hygiene/ cough etiquette protocols in place to reduce the transmission of respiratory pathogens within the facility?

- Yes
- No
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24 - Is dedicated or disposable noncritical patient care equipment used when patients are on Transmission-Based Precautions?

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25 - If the equipment is not disposable, is the equipment cleaned and disinfected at point of use?

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Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGP)

26 - Has an interdisciplinary committee generated a list of what constitutes an Aerosol-Generating Procedure for your facility?

- Yes
- No
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General Practice

27a - Is posted signage indicating a patient is on Transmission-Based Precautions clear and visible outside of a patient room?

- Yes
- No
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27b - Does the signage provide clear directions on requirements for precautions (i.e., PPE to be worn, ventilation of the room)?

- Yes
- No
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28a - How are patients on Transmission-Based Precautions housed in the facility?

- Single patient room
- Cohorted
- Both

28b - If patients are cohorted is a clinical risk assessment performed in collaboration with the IPC program?

- Yes
- No

29 - Is PPE required for Transmission-Based Precautions donned prior to entering the patient care area?

- Always
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- Rarely
- Never

30 - Is PPE removed and discarded prior to leaving the patient room? *Except respirators worn with Airborne Precautions*

- Always
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- Never

31 - Is hand hygiene performed prior to exiting the patient care environment?

- Always
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Airborne Precautions

32a - Does the facility have Airborne Isolation rooms (AIIR) for patient care?

- Yes
- No

32b - Does the AIIR meet required air exchanges per state licensure requirements AND FGI guidance: (At least 6 Air exchanges in existing facility or 12 air exchanges in new construction or renovation).

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

32c - Does the AIIR directly exhaust to the outside?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

33 - When the AIIR is in use, is the air pressure monitored daily with visual indicators?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

34 - How are healthcare personnel notified when an AIIR fails to meet pressure requirements?

- Automated alarm system on unit
- Monitored central alarm system
- Maintenance and engineering notification
- Daily manometer testing
- Unknown
- No formal notification process
- Other

35a - What respiratory protection is used at your facility?

- N95 respirator
- PAPR /CAPR
- Elastomeric respirator
- Combination of respiratory types
- No respiratory protection is available

35b - Are N95 respirators available at point of use?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

35c - Are multiple sizes and variations of respirators available to staff?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

36a - Are PAPRs, CAPRs, or elastomeric respirators available at the point of use, or are they easily accessible by frontline staff?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

36b - Do healthcare personnel receive Just-in-Time education and training when PAPR/CAPRs are required?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

37 - Does the facility have a protocol in place for staff to obtain respiratory protection if it is unavailable at point of use?

- Yes
- No
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38 - Do healthcare personnel doff respiratory protection after exiting the patient care area while Airborne precautions are in place?

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Protective Precautions

39a - Does your facility have specialty rooms for patients requiring a protective environment?

- Yes
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39b - Do protective environment rooms filter incoming air with a HEPA filter that is positive pressure in relation to the corridor?

- Yes
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- Unsure

39c - Are protective environment rooms monitored daily to ensure positive air pressure is maintained?

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Patient Transport

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- Yes
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41 - When transporting a patient, the infected or colonized areas of the patient's body are contained and covered.

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42 - Healthcare personnel remove and dispose of contaminated PPE AND perform hand hygiene prior to transporting patients on Transmission-Based Precautions.

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43 - Healthcare personnel don clean PPE to handle the patient at the destination.

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44a - Are protocols in place to notify personnel when receiving a patient who requires Transmission-Based Precautions?

- Yes
- No
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44b - What protocols are in place to notify accepting facilities and personnel when receiving a patient who requires TBP?

- Cover sheet with a specific section for isolation requirements
- Formal nurse report, e.g., SBAR
- Electronic health record notification
- Physician report
- None
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Answer Key

Organizational Structure

1 - Patients requiring Transmission-Based Precautions are identified and managed in a manner consistent with the hospital policy to reduce the spread of disease.

Strongly Agree - **Preferred**

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Disagree

Strongly Disagree

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Yes - **Preferred**

No

Unsure

3a - Does the facility provide adequate PPE supply storage at point of care so adherence to Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions can be maintained?

Yes - **Preferred**

No

Unsure

3b - What PPE is available at point of care? (**Select all preferred options**)

Respirators - **Preferred Optional**

Facemasks - **Preferred**

Gowns - **Preferred**

Gloves - **Preferred**

Eye protection - **Preferred**

None

Other

4 - Does the facility have defined staff responsibilities for stocking PPE and supply to ensure adherence to Standard & Transmission-Based Precautions is maintained?

Yes - **Preferred**

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5b - Are staffing models (nurse-patient assignments) modified to minimize the risk of infectious disease transmission?

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6a - Does the facility have policies and standard operating procedures regarding standard & Transmission-Based Precautions? **(Select all preferred options)**

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7b - Who receives Standard Precautions education and Training? **(Select all preferred options)**

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- Clinical Support - **Preferred**
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- PPE donning sequence - **Preferred**
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As remediation for compliance failures - **Preferred**

Targeted performance improvement - **Preferred**

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Cover sheet with a specific section for isolation requirements - Preferred

Formal nurse report, e.g., SBAR - Preferred

Electronic health record notification - Preferred

Physician report - Preferred

None

Other

Guidance

Organizational Structure

Core Element Description: Assessment of the organizational structure and staffing in place to support standard and Transmission-Based Precautions.

Free Access: Regulatory

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. (n.d.) Hospital infection control worksheet <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/surveycertificationgeninfo/downloads/survey-and-cert-letter-15-12-attachment-1.pdf>

Free Access: Guidelines

Siegel JD, Rhinehart E, Jackson M, Chiarello L, and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings. https://www.cdc.gov/infection-control/media/pdfs/guideline-isolation-h.pdf?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/isolation-guidelines-H.pdf

Policy & Procedure

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Free Access: Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.) Personal protective equipment (PPE): Coaching and training frontline health care professionals. [PowerPoint slides]. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. https://www.cdc.gov/infection-control/media/pdfs/strive-ppe103-508.pdf?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/strive/PPE103-508.pdf

Identify, Isolate, Inform

Core Element Description: Assessment of systems in place to identify potentially infectious persons, rapidly isolate, and communicate to appropriate personnel and healthcare entities.

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Audit & Feedback

Core Element Description: Assessment of audit and feedback practices regarding standard and Transmission-Based Precautions.

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Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGP)

Core Element Description: Assessment of protocols and practices regarding aerosol-generating procedures at the facility.

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Core Element Description: Assessment of general standard and Transmission-Based Precautions practice and implementation at the facility

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