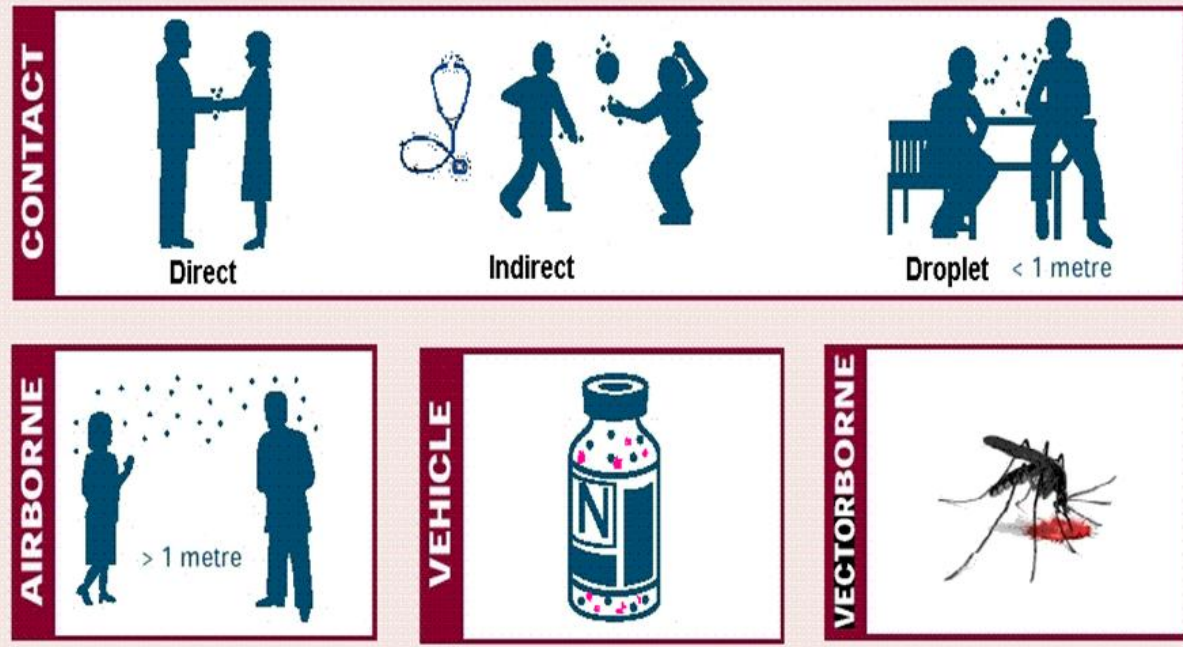


Transmission Based Precautions

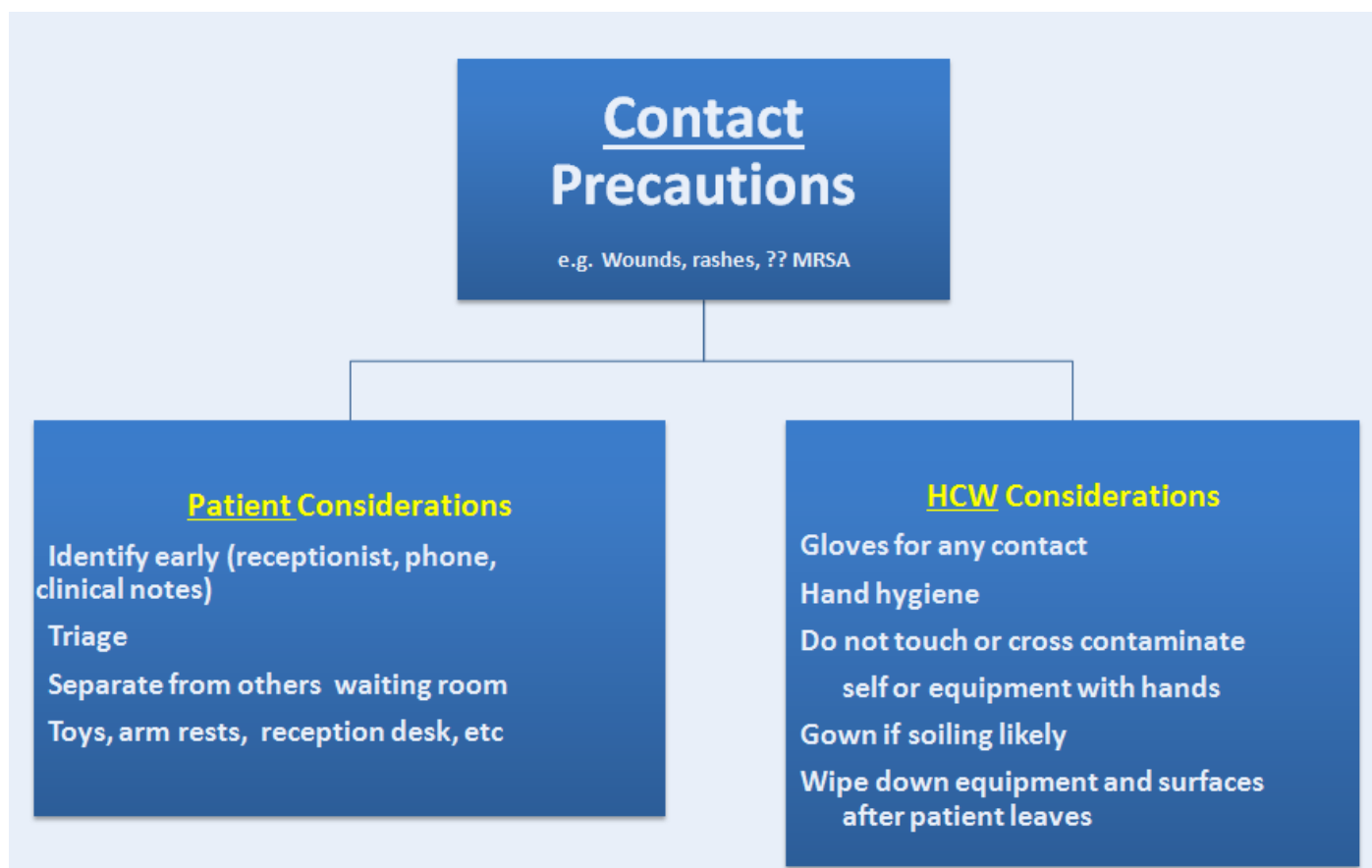
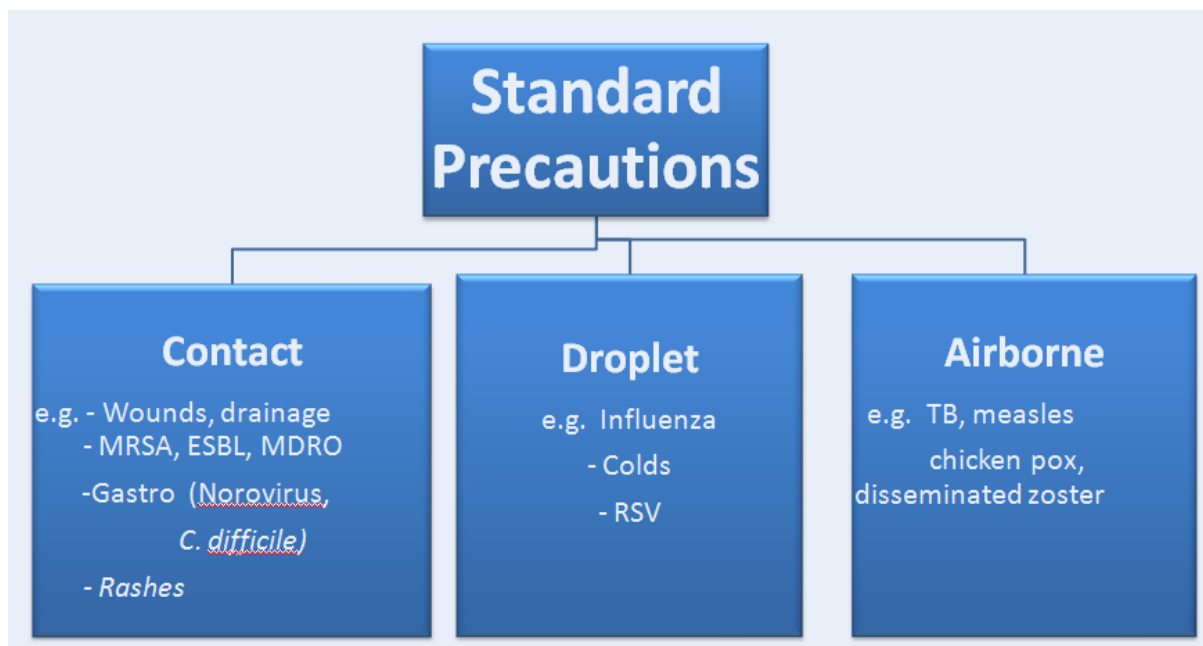
How We Spread Bugs



Standard Precautions

- Achieving optimum **hand hygiene**
- Respiratory hygiene and **cough etiquette**
- Using personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Handling and disposal of **sharps**
- **Environmental** controls
- **Reprocessing** useable medical equipment and instruments
- Health **waste** management

In addition to routine use of Standard Precautions, dependent on infection type risk other specific Transmission Precautions will be used in addition (e.g. Contact, Droplet, Airborne) :



Droplet Precautions

e.g. ? Influenza, Ill

Patient Considerations

Identify early
Surgical mask
Separate from others in waiting room or triage
Cough etiquette
Sign at entrance if outbreak

HCW Considerations

Surgical mask
? eye protection
? gown
Hand hygiene
Wipe down equipment and surfaces after patient leaves

Airborne Precautions

e.g. ? TB, measles

Patient Considerations

Identify early, isolate at home or at surgery or triage
Surgical mask
Door to room closed, signage, outside window may be opened

HCW Considerations

N95 mask (?TB), 'fit test'
Mask not required for HCW if chicken pox or measles & HCW immune
Hand hygiene
Gown
Room decontamination