Visiting a Patient in Enteric Contact Isolation

To prevent the spread of germs, please follow these guidelines.

**Before entering the room**
- Read the isolation sign posted beside the door. Follow all of the instructions.
- Clean your hands. Rub alcohol-based hand sanitizer on your hands until dry or wash your hands with soap and water for at least 15 seconds.
- Put on a gown and gloves. If you need help, ask a staff member.

**In the room**
- Limit the personal items you bring into the patient’s room. Place your items in an area away from the patient, the patient’s bed, the patient’s bedside table(s), and any medical supplies.
- Do not use the toilet in the patient’s room. Use the visitor’s restroom. If you need help finding the visitor’s restroom, ask a nurse or staff member.

**Follow these instructions before leaving the room:**
- Take off your gloves and gown. Throw them into the wastebasket. Do not reuse the gown.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 15 seconds. Turn off the faucet with a paper towel to keep your hands clean. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is not recommended after visiting a patient. It does not kill these types of bacteria.

**Clean hands save lives!**

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Talk to your doctor or health care team if you have any questions about your care.
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