Isolation Practices During COVID-19 Emergency for Non-COVID-19 Patients

APPLICATION
All hospital and clinical Health Care Professionals (HCP)

DEFINITIONS
• NONE

INSTRUCTION STEPS
1. To conserve gowns, effective immediately contact isolation of persons actively infected with MRSA and VRE, will be discontinued for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.
   A. Standard precautions will be utilized. Routine use of isolation gowns therefore will be discontinued for these patients.
   B. As per standard precautions, gown use will continue for such patients when wound drainage is uncontained or where direct soiling of healthcare worker garb is likely to be encountered.
   C. Contact precautions will continue for ESBL producing Enterobacteriaceae unless directed by infection prevention.
2. Airborne, droplet, and enteric precautions for pathogens necessitating such precautions will continue.
3. Enhanced contact precautions for epidemiologically significant pathogens such as carbapenemase producing Enterobacteriaceae will continue.

ATTACHMENTS
• NONE

REFERENCES
• SHS Work Instruction: PPE Conservation – In Times of Need

REVIEW/REVISION HISTORY

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Current Work Instructions can be found on the SHS intranet.