



PAEDIATRIC UNITS

USE OF SIDE ROOMS

INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES

DIARRHOEA

Diarrhoeal cases may not share a room unless part of the same outbreak, and babies and toddlers should not to be mixed.

RESPIRATORY VIRUSES

Known cases of the same virus, eg RSV, influenza, adenovirus, etc may share a room if the diagnosis is clear. Call Virology (at UCLH Tel 020 7679 9480) or local laboratory so that specimens can be processed speedily. Clinically diagnosed bronchiolitis cases may share a room only at the discretion of Consultant Paediatrician. Introduce use of Alcoholic-chlorhexidine hand rub in a cubicle when two babies are being source isolated in cots. Instruct nursing, medical staff and parents regarding the appropriate use of the product.


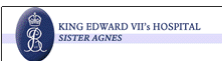






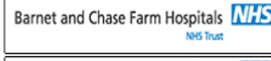



RASHES

Contact Infection Control Team when a patient with rash, whether diagnosed or not, is admitted in case they represent community acquired infectious exanthema.

Until diagnosed, two patients with rashes must not be nursed in the same cubicle.

GENERAL

- Decontaminate cubicles/room properly after infectious children are discharged.
- Educate parents to wash hands appropriately, not to eat food in the cubicle and not to assist with any other children without taking proper infection control precautions.
- Strict hand washing practices are to be observed by all medical and nursing staff when caring for patients in main ward or source isolated in cubicles. Wrist watches must not be worn and the uniform/non-uniform policy adhered to, see Uniform Policy.
- It is imperative that nursing and medical staff do not drink tea or coffee or eat chocolates at the nurses station. This is unprofessional and dangerous.
- Do not use communal hand cream. Multi-dose pots of cream may become contaminated. Each member of staff should carry a tube of cream in pocket of uniform if required.

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