

55-30 Appendix F – Multi-unit Staff Protocol for Entering an ARO Outbreak Unit

Multi-unit staff refers to staff that support, consult and assess clients on multiple units (i.e., Medical/Surgical JRSIs, Residents, MRPs, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Pharmacy, Social Work, Spiritual Care, Patient Care Supervisor, Code Team, Porters, etc.).

Steps for entering the outbreak unit:

1. Perform hand hygiene (HH). Use either an alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) that contains 70% alcohol OR soap and water.

Steps for accessing charts:

1. Perform HH just before accessing the charts.
2. Perform HH when finished with charts at one nursing station.
3. Move to next nursing station and repeat steps 1 and 2.

Steps for accessing clients and their environment to do an assessment (Client NOT on Additional Precautions):

1. Perform HH. Don a clean isolation gown.
2. Perform assessment.
3. Remove gown and perform HH.
4. Move to next client and repeat steps 1 to 3.

Steps for accessing clients and their environment to do an assessment (Client IS ON Additional Precautions):

1. Perform HH. Don Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) according to Additional Precautions signage.
2. Perform assessment.
3. Remove PPE and perform HH.
4. Move to next client and repeat steps 1 to 3.

Leaving the outbreak unit:

1. Perform HH.