

Temiskaming Hospital

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Infection Control at Temiskaming Hospital

The Infection Control Department of Temiskaming Hospital is responsible for ensuring that care of patients and health care staff is provided in the most safe and effective environment possible. The role of the department is vital in the control of outbreaks in our health care setting, surveillance of emerging infections and antimicrobial resistance, and the implementation and evaluation of interventions. The goal of the program is geared toward health promotion and prevention, rather than treatment-based. This is achieved through collaboration with hospital staff and departments, doctors, and other health care institutions.

Much of the emphasis of infection control is placed on health teaching, not only to staff but patients alike. "Hand washing", which is the cornerstone of standard precautions, can reduce the risk of transmission between patients and staff, and therefore reduce the spread of disease. This simple, but vital task will form the foundation for a teaching campaign starting this fall called "Just Clean Your Hands".

Other programs beginning this fall include surveillance reporting on patient safety indicators, including outbreaks of C-Difficile, a very virulent and infectious type of diarrhea; MRSA and VRE, which are two types of drug resistant bacteria; and other types of infection. Due to the fact that these conditions are very contagious and can lead to death in severe cases, patients who test positive are put on contact precautions in hospital. If you or a family member is placed on contact precautions and have any questions, please feel free to ask staff or contact the infection control department.

Once again, infection control precautions are in place to prevent the spread of contagious diseases and to therefore protect the public and staff alike.



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Visiting Hours:

- 1000 to 2000 hours for medical patients, surgical patients and Long-Term Care patients;
- 1400 to 1600 hours and 1800 to 2000 hours for obstetrics;
- Visitors to the Special Care Unit (SCU) are restricted to immediate family and/or significant other(s).