

What Are Enhanced Barrier Precautions(EBP)

 EBPs are infection control measures identified to decrease the transmission of Multi Drug Resistant Organisms (MDROs) while maintaining a home-like, safe environment for residents.

• EBPs require staff to wear gowns and gloves when providing care that involves close contact.





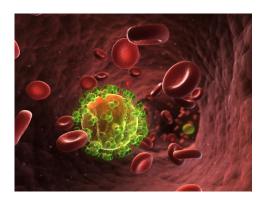
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# Why Do We Need Enhanced Barrier Precautions

- Our residents are at higher risk of contracting or becoming colonized with an MDRO.
- Our residents may already be colonized with an MDRO.
  Data suggests more than 50 percent of our resident populations are already colonized.
- MDROs have a negative impact on our residents' health, safety and well being as well as increasing the cost of care.
- Outbreaks of MDROs have been linked to long term care.
- Residents with a wound or medical device are at higher risk of acquiring a MDRO.

#### AS A RESULT ...

 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends implementing EBP for all residents with MDROs, wounds or devices.





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#### Who Needs Enhanced Barrier Precautions

- Residents who meet any one or more of the following criteria:
  - Have been diagnosed with an MDRO (colonized or actively infected)
  - Have a wound
  - Have an indwelling medical device





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# Activities Requiring EBP for Residents Who Meet the Criteria

- Dressing
- Bathing/Showering/Assistance with personal hygiene
- Transferring
- Changing linens
- Assisting with bathroom and incontinence needs
- During care and use of central lines, urinary catheters, feeding tubes, tracheostomy tubes
- During wound care





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### How Long Do Enhanced Barrier Precautions Last

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- Once diagnosed with an MDRO, for the remainder of the resident's stay.
- Until the wound has healed.
- As long as the resident has an indwelling device.



"Let me guess...it's contagious!"



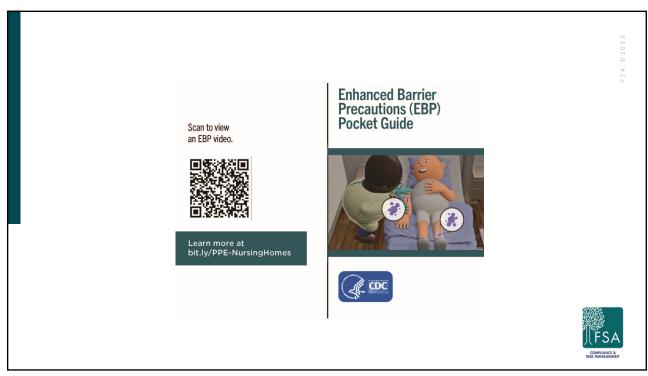
### Additional Information for Residents with Enhanced Barrier Precautions

- A Private Room is **NOT** required.
- Movement throughout the facility is NOT restricted.
- EBPs do not replace the need for Contact, Droplet or Airborne Isolation, should the resident's condition require it.
- EBPs do not replace:
  - Standard precautions
  - · Environmental cleaning
  - Proper donning/doffing of PPE
  - Accessible ABHR
  - Adherence to hand hygiene policies and requirements





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## **Enhanced Barrier Precautions Resources**

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes https://www.cdc.gov/hai/containment/faqs.html
- Consideration for Use of Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Skilled Nursing Facilities <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/workgroup/EnhancedBarrierPrecautions.html">https://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/workgroup/EnhancedBarrierPrecautions.html</a>
- Implementation of PPE Use in Nursing Homes to Prevent the Spread of MDROs https://www.cdc.gov/hai/containment/PPE-Nursing-Homes.html
- Pre-Implementation Tool for Advanced Barrier Precautions <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/containment/Pre-Implementation-Tool-for-Enhanced-Barrier-Precautions-508.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/containment/Pre-Implementation-Tool-for-Enhanced-Barrier-Precautions-508.pdf</a>
- EBP Observation Tool <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/containment/Observations-Tool-for-Enhanced-Barrier-Precautions-Implementation-508.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/containment/Observations-Tool-for-Enhanced-Barrier-Precautions-Implementation-508.pdf</a>



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