



SUBURBAN HOSPITAL

JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICINE

# Reducing Infections

# Preventing Healthcare Associated Infections

- To prevent healthcare associated infections, always clean hands with alcohol sanitizer or soap and water before entering a patient room or space and when leaving a patient room or space.
- Prevent Central Line Bloodstream Infections ( CLABSI) and Cather Associated Urinary Tract Infections ( CAUTI)- Get all devices out as soon as possible to reduce the risk of infections. Do a daily assessment of the need for a Foley catheter and/ or central line and document the reason for not removing the device in the patient's medical record.

# Reduce the Risk for Surgical Site Infection

- To reduce the risk for surgical site infection- instruct the patient to bathe with Hibiclens or anti-microbial soap at least once the night before surgery. If the patient has a recent history of MRSA, prescribe Bactroban intranasally a few days before surgery and prescribe an effective antibiotic during surgery.

# Prevent Transmission of Infectious Organisms

- To prevent transmission of infectious organisms-isolate patients with a history of resistant organisms and comply with posted isolation precautions.
- Consult with Infection Control at Ext. 4014 regarding the Suburban Hospital protocol for clearance from isolation for MRSA, VRE, ESBL, Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE), C Difficile.
- Call the Infection Control ( IC) staff at 301-896-4014 if you have questions about IC policies, you need to inform the IC staff about an infection in your patient, or you have any additional concerns.