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Infection Prevention & Control
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Gastrointestinal Illness:

Assessing the Need for Additional Precautions (Isolation)

Does the patient have **new** onset of **diarrhea** or **vomiting** unrelated to treatment? (Two or more episodes of diarrhea and/or vomiting in a 24 hr period, and this is new or unusual for the patient).

No → Routine Practices

Yes → Assign dedicated washroom or commode to patient. If patient is incontinent, implement measures to contain stool. If a washroom becomes soiled with emesis/stool, request Environmental Services to complete an Additional Precautions clean of the washroom, as needed, after discharge of patient.

Will you be assisting with patient who has vomiting?

Yes → **Contact Plus Precautions** and **Droplet Precautions**

Don gown, facial protection and gloves (procedure mask & eye protection)

No → Will you be assisting with patient who has diarrhea, or is there a risk of stool incontinence and/or poor hygiene?

No → Routine Practices

Yes → **Contact Plus Precautions**

Don gown and gloves

Refer to the IPAC Point of Care Risk Assessment

Refer to the Diseases and Conditions Table

Refer to the GI Infection Patient Placement Algorithm

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