

Patient Nourishment Centre (PNC) Information

1. Patient Nourishment Centres (PNCs) can be accessible to patient, visitors, and families as long as the following Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) principles are applied and can be monitored operationally. EVS cleans these rooms daily.
2. Hand Hygiene is required when entering/exiting PNC.
3. Clinical nursing staff posts monthly fridge cleaning schedule and coordinates with EVS as clinical nursing staff need to remove all items from the fridge prior to the cleaning.
4. IPAC may restrict access to the PCN during Cluster/Outbreak/Increased HAI Transmission. Clinical Nursing staff immediately coordinates timing of Cluster/Outbreak/Increased HAI Transmission and fridge cleaning with EVS as clinical nursing staff need to **discard all items** from the fridge. The fridge is then cleaned & restocked.
5. Management of Patient items needing placement in PNC:
 - **Discard food items** that have been **sitting at room temperature longer than 2 hours** (food safety principle).
 - Wipe exterior of items with VCH approved cleaning/disinfectant wipe(s) (accelerated hydrogen peroxide – AHP) prior to placement in fridge.
 - Place labeled item in a baggie if item likely to leak.
 - Date and label items with patient name prior to placement in fridge.
 - **Discard any food items left in fridge longer than 24 hours.**

