

Patient Nourishment Centre (PNC) Information

1. Patient Nourishment Centres (PNCs) are locked at all times to everyone **except FNS (Food & Nutrition Services), EVS (Environmental Services) and clinical nursing staff** as they are a source for spread of microorganisms when multiple people enter/exit this high traffic, high-touch zone. EVS cleans these rooms daily.
2. Remember to do hand-hygiene 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. 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.**

