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Infection Prevention/Control: GUT

Germes That Live in the Gut: E. coli, Klebsiella, Candida, and Clostridiodes difficile (C. diff).

WHERE IS THE RISK?

Know where germs live to stop spread and protect patients

- The gut is filled with bacteria and some yeasts, which are part of a healthy immune system.
- Most gut germs don't cause problems in healthy people, but they can cause infection when they spread.
- Germs in stool can spread onto hands and skin when wiping or changing a diaper.

Healthcare Tasks Involving the Gut

- Toileting/changing diapers
- Bathing a patient
- Laundry

Infection Control Actions to Reduce Risk

- Hand hygiene
- Use of personal protective equipment (gloves and gowns)
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Textile management
- Waste management

Practicing these infection control actions together effectively stops the spread of germs.

- **Infographic:** [Germs Live In "The GUT."](#)

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Office Hours Call Link:

Join us! Office hours are on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am CST. Each month we focus on Infection Prevention tips. *Learn, share, network!*

Join the **South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care** scheduled Zoom meeting for August's Office Hours, Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEceyggTotHdwQpfrjApSA-nQwCd5oe99P>