



Germs Live in “the Gut”

Know where germs live to stop spread and protect patients.

Where are the Risks?

- 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.

Germs that Live on Devices

- E. coli
- Klebsiella
- Candida
- Clostridioides difficile (C. diff)

Healthcare Tasks Involving Skin

- Toileting/changing diapers
- Bathing a patient
- Laundry

Infection Control Action to Reduce Risk

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



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