Norovirus Foundations

Keep other healthcare workers and patients safe; don't go to work if you have norovirus symptoms.



INFECTION
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NOROVIRUS IN HEALTHCARE

Norovirus affects patients in all types of healthcare settings. Each year in the U.S., norovirus causes*:

- 2.3 million clinic visits
- 465,000 ER visits
- 109,000 hospitalizations

Norovirus infections can result in prolonged hospital stays, additional medical complications, and, rarely, death.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

A person sick with norovirus can shed billions of virus particles in their vomit and feces (poop). Correct cleaning and disinfecting can help protect everyone.



Wash and dry soiled linen & clothes on hottest available settings.



Use correct wet (contact) time listed on cleaning product label.



Scan the QR code for EPA list of approved products

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NOROVIRUS OUTBREAKS

During outbreaks, clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces three times a day*.



As with all healthcare outbreaks, notify appropriate local & state health departments.

CARING FOR PATIENTS WITH NOROVIRUS



Use a private room or area if available



Use standard & contact (gown/ gloves) precautions



Dispose of used PPE and perform hand hygiene



Use cleaning products approved for norovirus



If you suspect an outbreak, contact your facility infection prevention staff



