

Additional Notes on Blood-Borne Pathogens

Precautions to prevent transmission of blood-borne pathogens.

Standard precautions apply to blood, all body fluids, secretions, excretions (except sweat), nonintact skin, and mucous membranes.

- If, at any time during a clinical experience, you are unsure about which precautions are necessary, IMMEDIATELY contact your instructor. It is YOUR responsibility to obtain the information you need to safely care for clients.
- Hand washing
 - Hands are washed between client contacts; after contact with blood, body fluids, secretions, excretions, and after contact with equipment or articles contaminated by them; and IMMEDIATELY after protective apparel is removed.
- Apparel
 - Masks are worn when respiratory secretions, blood, or body fluids may come in contact with the mouth and nose.
 - Gowns are worn when soiling of clothing with blood or body fluids may occur.