

Infection Prevention

Infection Prevention is the obligation of every employee, both clinical and non-clinical, at the University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust. Driving down healthcare associated infection is everyone's responsibility and all staff are required to adhere to the Trust's Infection Prevention policy

All staff employed by the UHNM have the following responsibilities:

Trust Dress Code

- Trust approved uniform/dress code must be adhered to
- When in clinical areas **all** staff must be bare below the elbow, without wrist watches, stoned rings, wrist jewellery including necklace, false nails and eyelashes, nail polish or plaster casts
- Religious bracelets are an exception if can be moved up the arm and taped in place. No personal bags to be worn during clinical duties
- If staff are not able to change out of their uniform before leaving the Trust's premises they should ensure that the uniform is appropriately covered

Hand Hygiene

- Decontaminate your hands as the per 'The five moments for hand hygiene'

Own Practice

- Lead by example
- Encourage and praise good practice
- Be prepared to accept advice about your own practice

Decontamination

- Ensure that equipment you have been using or about to use has been decontaminated effectively after use and in-between patients
- Ensure that you are aware of the Trust approved cleaning products, and follow a safe system of work

Trust Policies

- Ensure that you know, and strictly follow, relevant Infection Prevention policies for your role and apply standard precautions and the correct use of personal protective equipment at all times
- Undertake Mask FFP3 testing if appropriate to your role.

The Infection Prevention Questions and Answers Manual is available on every Trust computer desktop.

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