

Appendix B: Clinical Syndromes Requiring the Use of Controls Pending Diagnosis

Presentation	Potential Pathogens*	Precautions
DIARRHEA		
Acute diarrhea and/or vomiting of suspected infectious etiology	Norovirus	Contact
Diarrhea in an adult with a history of recent antibiotic use	<i>Clostridium difficile</i>	Contact
MENINGITIS		
Suspected meningitis	<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	Droplet adults Droplet + Contact pediatrics
NECROTIZING FASCIITIS		
Suspected necrotizing fasciitis	Group A <i>Streptococcus</i>	Droplet + Contact
RASH OR EXANTHEMS, GENERALIZED, ETIOLOGY UNKNOWN		
Petechial/ecchymotic with fever	<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	Droplet adults Droplet + Contact pediatrics
Rash suggestive of varicella or measles	Varicella, Rubeola	Airborne + Contact
Rash suggestive of scabies	Scabies	Contact
Undiagnosed rash (without fever)		Gloves as per Routine Practices
RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS		
Acute respiratory infection undiagnosed, including pneumonia and ARI	RSV, Parainfluenza virus, seasonal Influenza	Droplet + Contact
Respiratory infection with risk factors and symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Airborne
'Whooping' cough	<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	Droplet
WOUND/ABSCESS		
Abscess or draining wound that cannot be contained		Contact

*The organisms listed under potential pathogens are not intended to represent the complete or most likely diagnoses, but rather possible etiologic agents that require Additional Precautions until they can be ruled out or a non-infectious cause is established.

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