

CPE Guidelines for ED Reception Staff

(Carbapenemase Producing Enterobacteriaceae)

- **Draw attention of poster to every patient registering at reception**
- **If the patient answers YES to any of the questions. Ask the patient to wait at the desk (do not ask them to wait in the waiting room) and put a call out for the Nurse- in Charge**
- **Place a Patient ID label on a Risk Assessment chart.**
- **Ensure there is always a supply of Risk Assessments at reception.**

You are not at risk.

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CPE Guidelines for ED Nurse in Charge

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CPE is a multi drug resistant bacteria found in the gut. There are very few and sometimes no options for antibiotic therapy.

CPE is endemic in healthcare facilities in many countries and there are already areas in the UK where CPE can be considered endemic.

Patients treated in overseas hospitals currently present the greatest risk to CPE carriage.

CPE are spread through direct contact with a patient or indirectly from the patient's environment including care equipment.

Standard Infection Control Precautions and Transmission Based Precautions are required to prevent the spread of CPE.

HAND HYGIENE CANNOT BE STRESSED ENOUGH

Those deemed at risk of CPE

- **Patients previously known to have CPE or been exposed to CPE**
- **Patients who have been transferred from any hospital outside Scotland**
- **Patients who have been treated in a healthcare facility outside Scotland in the last 12 months**
- **Patients who have received dialysis in a healthcare facility outside Scotland**

ACTION

- **Reception will put out a call for the N-i-C and keep the patient at the desk**
- **Complete the CPE Risk Assessment form with the patient**
- **The patient should be taken directly to a cubicle in HD/ IC or cubicle 14 in Exam and not asked to sit back in the waiting room**
- **Remove as much equipment as possible from the cubicle. Cover computer with polythene sheeting.**
- **Inform staff and the consultant of the clinical area**
- **All staff who will be in contact with the patient must wear a long sleeved gown**
- **The patient should not be moved out of the cubicle, until discharged.**
- **When admission is probable ask staff to liaise with ward staff for a side room and inform the Infection Control Team**
- **Cubicle will need terminal clean**
- **If Xrays are required; including chest and limbs will be taken via portable Xray machine.**

Please read the Staff Information Leaflet

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