

Infection Control

Standard Precautions for all patients is hand washing. Soap and water, and waterless Avagard, alcohol hand antiseptic, is required for all staff. Avagard containers are located at each patient room and in public hallways throughout the facility.

Barrier Precautions such as gloves, gowns and masks are required for some patients.

Employees who have direct contact with patients are not allowed to have artificial nails.

Blood, Blood contaminated items, vaginal secretions; spinal fluid and synovial fluids are all categorized as infectious waste and should be disposed of in red bags. These bags are available on each unit. Urine, stool and sputum are not considered infectious waste.

An Infection Control Manual is available on the MLH Intranet.

Fire Safety Procedure-“Code Red”

If you should discover smoke or fire in any hospital building use the following procedure (RACE):

- **R**escue any person(s) in immediate danger
- **A**larm - activate the building fire alarm pull station and dial extension 711 giving the exact location and extent of the problem
- **C**ontain - close all doors and windows to contain the fire
- **E**xtinguish - use proper fire extinguisher to extinguish the fire

Fire Response and Extinguisher use training is conducted on an annual basis. It is important to remember the acronym PASS if required to use an extinguisher:

- **P** – Pull pin
- **A** – Aim
- **S** – Squeeze
- **S** – Sweep

Code Blue

When the existence of a cardiopulmonary emergency is determined, notify the telephone operator via the emergency phone line - Dial 711. (Mirmont employees: Dial 71).

Provide the telephone operator with the following information - room number, floor, and wing/building of hospital (if applicable). If the Code Blue involves a pediatric patient, this should also be communicated to the telephone operator.