

# Risk of Transmission of Microorganisms Including Antibiotic Resistant Organisms (AROs)

RISK OF TRANSMISSION	ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENT	PLACEMENT AND PRECAUTIONS
LOWER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cooperative</b> (cognitively intact or impaired) but may need prompting/assistance with hand hygiene, toileting practices, changing soiled clothes, identifying when dressings or incontinence products are leaking.</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>AND</b></li> <li>• <b>Contained</b> drainage/body fluids.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine Practices with prompting/assistance as needed, no signs required.</li> <li>• <b>Private room</b> preferred.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ If private room not available, place with resident with same organism or lower risk roommate.</li> <li>◦ <b>Lower risk roommate:</b> consistent good hand hygiene and good personal hygiene; intact skin; no invasive devices or open wounds; not dependent on staff for care; and no significant co-morbidities that make them vulnerable to infection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No restrictions in activities and dining room with clean clothing, clean hands and contained drainage/body fluids.</li> </ul>
HIGHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Uncooperative</b> (cognitively intact or impaired) with prompting/assistance – e.g., unable or unwilling to perform hand hygiene, change soiled clothes or leaking dressings or incontinence products.</li> <li style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></li> <li>• <b>Uncontained</b> drainage or uncontained body fluids that regularly soil the environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional Precautions may be needed in addition to Routine Practices</b></li> <li>• Additional Precaution sign <b>required</b></li> <li>• <b>Private Room</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ If private room not available, place with resident with same organism or lower risk roommate.</li> <li>◦ <b>Lower risk roommate(s):</b> consistent good hand hygiene and good personal hygiene; intact skin; no invasive devices or open wounds; not dependent on staff for care; and no significant co-morbidities that make them vulnerable to infection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Attend group activities and dining room <b>ONLY</b> with clean clothing, clean hands and contained drainage/body fluids.</li> </ul>

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