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Some Germs Live in Blood

Know where germs live to stop spread and protect patients.

Where are the Risks?

- Viruses like HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C can spread in healthcare when contaminated blood is on a sharp item.
- If that item causes a cut or break in someone else's skin (e.g., an accidental needlestick), germs can spread to that person and cause a new infection.
- Reusing needles and syringes is especially risky because germs in the blood can spread from one person to another.
- Blood in the environment- like on linens or a device- grows bacteria and spreads via touch or devices.

Germs that Live in Blood

- HIV
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Bacteria (when outside the body)

Healthcare Tasks Involving Blood

- Putting in an IV
- Giving an injection
- Surgery and procedures
- Changing soiled laundry

Infection Control Action to Reduce Risk

- Hand hygiene
- Use of personal protective equipment (gloves, gowns, eye protection)
- Safe injections
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Textile management

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Office Hours Call Link:

Join us! Office hours are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am CST. Each month we focus on an Infection Prevention tip. *Learn, share, network!*

The **South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care** is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join here:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89402993770?pwd=NkVyMVQwVFdjQlR0N0FIMFhmckZwUT09#success>