Objectives
Describe a protocol for contact precautions and reverse isolation for patients admitted to the BICU and Burn Step-Down Unit

Scope
All patients admitted to the burn unit regardless of admission diagnosis

Audience
All individuals involved in the caring for burn patients
Guidance
A. The following patients will be placed on isolation upon admission to the burn unit:
   • Any patient meeting the greater Vanderbilt University Medical Center guidelines for isolation.
   • For burn patients, any patient with ≥20% TBSA of open wounds (this includes burn wounds, SJS/TENS, and donor sites; % open will be determined by burn attending) will be placed in isolation.\textsuperscript{1,2} This is for the entire unit; ICU and stepdown.
     o A sign will be placed on the door indicating reverse isolation contact precautions.
     o Reverse isolation precautions will remain with the patient throughout the hospital until their wounds are <20% open.
     o Reverse isolation precautions will continue when the patient travels off the unit for operations, procedures, and/or imaging.
     o Family members/Visitors should adhere to reverse isolation precautions
B. Precautions for wound care:
   • Any person actively participating in the wound care of a burn patient will wear a gown, gloves, mask, and hair cover for the entirety of the wound care. Persons coming in to evaluate wounds will wear full PPE if the patient is ≥20% TBSA open, otherwise, a mask is required.

References