The Joint Commission

2019 Madison State Hospital National Patient Safety Goals
The purpose of the National Patient Safety Goals is to improve patient safety.
The goals focus on problems in health care safety and how to solve them.

Goal 7
Reduce the risk of health care–associated infections.

--Rationale for NPSG.07.01.01--
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year, millions of people acquire an infection while receiving care, treatment, and services in a health care organization. Consequently, health care–associated infections (HAIs) are a patient safety issue affecting all types of health care organizations. One of the most important ways to address HAIs is by improving the hand hygiene of health care staff. Compliance with the World Health Organization (WHO) or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hand hygiene guidelines will reduce the transmission of infectious agents by staff to patients, thereby decreasing the incidence of HAIs. To ensure compliance with this National Patient Safety Goal, an organization should assess its compliance with the CDC and/or WHO guidelines through a comprehensive program that provides a hand hygiene policy, fosters a culture of hand hygiene, and monitors compliance and provides feedback.

NPSG.07.01.01 Use the hand cleaning guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization. Set goals for improving hand cleaning. Use the goals to improve hand cleaning.

--Rationale for NPSG.07.03.01—
Patients continue to acquire health care–associated infections at an alarming rate. Risks and patient populations, however, differ between hospitals. Therefore, prevention and control strategies must be tailored to the specific needs of each hospital based on its risk assessment. The elements of performance for this requirement are designed to help reduce or prevent health care–associated infections from epidemiologically important multidrug resistant organisms (MDROs).

NPSG.07.03.01 Use proven guidelines to prevent infections that are difficult to treat.

NPSG.07.05.01 Use proven guidelines to prevent infection after surgery.

NPSG.07.06.01 Use proven guidelines to prevent infections of the urinary tract that are caused by catheters.

Remember that the best way to prevent infection is to wash your hands!!
Engagement with others is very important to recovery. Participation in scheduled activities and events assists patients in improving their skills and abilities. **What should we do if the patient does not participate in scheduled activities or events?**

- Encourage Involvement
- Seek Understanding
- Talk with Patient
- Offer Alternative Activity

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If a Joint Commission Surveyor asks you for a MSH policy, remember to go to **PolicyStat**.

The PolicyStat icon is on all computer home screens. You can search for a policy by Title, Policy Area, or Key word or phrase.

Campus projects will continue through the summer, with many contractors on site. All handrails are also being evaluated and repaired by the current contractors on site. There may be times during this project that a temporary handrail is built in place. Please be alert and cautious around taped off work areas.