

**Table 1. Clinical Syndromes or Conditions Empiric Warranting Additional Empiric Precautions to Prevent Transmission of Epidemiological Important Pathogens Pending Confirmation of Diagnosis**

<b>Clinical Syndrome or Condition</b>	<b>Potential Pathogens</b>	<b>Empiric Precautions</b>
Acute diarrhea with a likely infectious cause in an incontinent or diapered patient	Enteric pathogens	Standard plus Contact
Diarrhea in an adult with a history of recent antibiotic use	Clostridium difficile	Contact Isolation private room or if confirmed by test cohort with same
Meningitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neisseria meningitides</li> <li>Enteroviruses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Droplet for the first 24 hours of antimicrobial therapy - mask and face protection.</li> <li>Contact for infants and children</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Petechial/ecchymotic rash with fever</li> <li>Vesicular rash</li> <li>Maculopapular rash with coryza and fever</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neisseria meningitides</li> <li>Varicella/Smallpox</li> <li>Rubeola (measles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Droplet</li> <li>Airborne &amp; Contact</li> <li>Airborne Infection Isolation</li> </ul>
<b>Respiratory Infections</b>		
Cough/fever/upper lobe pulmonary infiltrate in an HIV-negative patient or a patient at low risk for HIV infection	Mycobacterium tuberculosis Possible SARS Avian Flu	Airborne Infection Isolation add Contact plus eye protection if history of SARS/Avian Flu exposure, travel
Cough/fever/pulmonary infiltrate in any Lung location in an HIV-infected patient or a patient at high risk for HIV infection	Mycobacterium tuberculosis	Airborne Infection Isolation
Paroxysmal or severe persistent cough during periods of pertussis activity	Bordetella pertussis	Droplet
Respiratory infections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bronchiolitis and croup, in infants and young children</li> <li>Fever &gt;100.5, Travel History, Atypical pneumonia on chest x-ray</li> <li>Fever &gt;100.5, headache, myalgia, cough, fatigue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respiratory syncytial or parainfluenza virus</li> <li>SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome)</li> <li>Influenza</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact plus Droplet</li> <li>Airborne Infection and Contact with eye shield</li> <li>Droplet</li> </ul>
History of infection or colonization with multi-drug resistant organisms	Resistant bacteria	Contact
<b>Skin or Wound Infection</b>		
Skin, wound, or urinary tract infection in a patient with a recent hospital or nursing home stay in a facility where multi-drug resistant organisms are prevalent	Resistant bacteria	Contact
Abscess or draining wound that cannot be covered/contained	Staphylococcus aureus, Group A streptococcus	Contact