

Question 19 (7 marks)

- (a) What standard precautions should be implemented to reduce the risk of cross-infection between patients, staff and visitors? 3

Standard precautions of hand hygiene should be implemented to reduce risk of cross infection between patients, staff and visitors. Hands should be washed before entering the room after touching and when leaving.

- (b) What additional (transmission-based) precautions should be taken to manage a patient with each of the following?

- (i) Air-borne pathogen 2
Masks should be worn around a patient with an air-borne pathogen so you are not breathing it in and they are not breathing it out. To be in own closed room.
- (ii) Contact pathogen 2
Gloves and aprons are to be worn when dealing with patients with contact pathogen. So you don't have skin to skin contact with this person. Wash hands thoroughly when gloves are removed.