

Question 19 (7 marks)

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

To prevent cross-infection it's important to use PPE, ^(personal protective equipment) particularly when dealing with bodily fluids eg; gloves when working with open wounds. Correct disposal of sharps, cleaning up spills immediately, changing bed linen often, wiping surfaces with disinfectant and continually maintaining hand-hygiene by washing ^{them} as often as possible and when necessary.

PPE
glove
disinfectant
disposal of
sharps
wash hands

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

- (i) Air-borne pathogen ... Ensure there is a disposable or wipe down mat beneath the area 2

Disposal of sharps after use ensure its correctly disposed of

PPE

- (ii) Contact pathogen ... Use ~~personal~~ protective standard precautions (PPE) gloves 2

* Ensure to wash hands immediately

* Use a wipe down or disposable surface