

WORKING TOGETHER TO MEET OUR GOALS!

At BCMC we strive to offer the best medical care possible. To reach our goal we must work together as a team so we seek your assistance.

One of our goals is to prevent the spread of infection

Hospital-Acquired Infections

The Risk: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say 99,000 patients a year die from hospital-acquired infections. Germs are everywhere: on surfaces, doorknobs-even your doctor's necktie.

What You Can Do:

- Ask anyone who examines you to wash his hands.
- Ask your doctor or nurse to clean their stethoscope before it touches your skin.
- If you need a urinary catheter, make sure it is kept in for the shortest possible time.
- If you have an IV, make sure it doesn't stay in place for more than a week. Let the nurses know if it becomes loose.
- Every time a tube/catheter/IV needs to be inserted, ask whether the hospital staff follows sterile procedures before inserting the tube or needle.

Another of our goals is to rapidly and effectively identify and treat patients when they have a change in their condition or their condition worsens.

A significant number of critical inpatient events are preceded by warning signs prior to the event. A majority of patients who have cardiopulmonary or respiratory arrest demonstrate clinical deterioration in advance. Early response to changes in a patient's condition by a specially trained individual(s) may reduce cardiopulmonary arrests and patient mortality.

BCMC uses a rapid response team. If you feel your family member/patient has a change in their condition or you feel something isn't "quite right" you should tell your nurse immediately to activate a rapid response team for assistance.

