



# Promoting Proper Practices: Protecting Health Care Workers and Patients in Health Care Facilities

*Presented by the Massachusetts Medical Society in collaboration with the American Medical Association*

Project Firstline is a national collaborative led by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide infection control training and education to frontline health care workers and public health personnel. AMA has partnered with Project Firstline, as supported through Cooperative Agreement CDC-RFA-CK20-2003. The Massachusetts Medical Society is proud to collaborate with AMA and Project Firstline in this educational activity. CDC is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The contents of this event do not necessarily represent the policies of CDC or HHS and should not be considered an endorsement by the Federal Government.

## Description

What is the right personal protective equipment for standard precautions in particular patient contact situations? How do you get a patient with a transmissible infection under the right precautions as soon as possible to prevent spread? Should I order this laboratory test, and what am I going to do with the result? Should I order this antibiotic despite the patient being labeled as having an allergy to it or a related agent in their medical record?

This program will provide valuable insights into selecting the appropriate personal protective equipment for standard precautions during patient interactions, ensuring swift implementation of precautions for patients with transmissible infections, and navigating complex clinical scenarios

involving laboratory tests and antibiotic prescriptions. Learners will explore the nuanced decision-making process involved in providing optimal patient care while minimizing risks for both patients and health care workers. By the end of this course, learners will have gained the knowledge and confidence needed to make informed decisions in challenging clinical scenarios, ultimately improving patient care and supporting infection control efforts within their respective health care facilities.

## Objectives

Upon completion of this activity, learners should be able to:

- Apply current standard precautions in all settings in all aspects of patient care and identify a need for transmission-based precautions as early as possible with appropriate triage of patients.
- Discuss appropriate ordering and interpretation of diagnostic tests to avoid unnecessary use of antimicrobial agents and to assure appropriate application of precautions.
- Prescribe appropriate antimicrobial therapy to patients with a history of beta-lactam antibiotic allergy and achieve more confidence in delabeling allergy.

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**LIVE WEBINAR**

**12:00–1:30 PM**



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