

#### Effective June NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE From 2021 BOARD INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE Review **CHICKENPOX**

# [VARICELLA ZOSTER VIRUS (VZV)] AIDE MEMOIRE

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The most up-to-date version of this guidance can be viewed at the following web page: www.nhsggc.scot/hospitals-services/services-a-to-z/infection-prevention-and-control

### **Chickenpox Aide Memoire**

#### Consult Guidance and isolate in a single room with:

- ensuite / own commode
- door closed
- IPC yellow sign on door
- dedicated equipment
- Ideally room should have negative pressure ventilation
- Care Checklist completed daily

**Patient** Assessed Daily

NO

Patient has had no new lesions and all existing ones are dry and crusted?

YES

- Stop isolation
- undertake terminal clean of room

## **Chickenpox Guidance - Guidelines** for patients in isolation:

**<u>Hand Hygiene:</u>** Liquid Soap and Water or alcohol hand rub

**PPE:** Disposable gloves, yellow apron and FFP3 for all direct care and while in the patients room.

Patient Environment: Twice daily chlorine clean

Patient Equipment: Chlorine clean after use and at least on a twice daily basis

**Laundry:** Treat as infected

Waste: Dispose of as Clinical / Healthcare waste

**Incubation Period:** (10 - 21 days) approx 14 days

Period of Communicability: 1-2 days before rash, until all blisters/lesions have crusted and no new ones have appeared.

Transmission route: direct contact, droplet, airborne