

NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE CONTROL OF INFECTION COMMITTEE

CHICKENPOX [VARICELLA ZOSTER VIRUS (VZV)]

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The most up-to-date version of this policy can be viewed at the following website: www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/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

<u>PPE</u>: Disposable gloves, yellow apron and FFP3 for all direct care and while in the patients room.

<u>Patient Environment:</u> Twice daily chlorine clean

<u>Patient Equipment:</u> Chlorine clean after use and at least on a twice daily basis

Laundry: Treat as infected

Waste: Dispose of as Clinical / Healthcare waste

<u>Incubation Period:</u> (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.

<u>Transmission route:</u> direct contact, droplet, airborne