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CONTROL OF INFECTION COMMITTEE	

## VANCOMYCIN RESISTANT ENTEROCOCCI (VRE)

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

## **VRE Aide Memoire**

At risk patients being nursed in a high risk area e.g. Patients in intensive care units, Renal Units, High Dependency Units (HDU) and haemato-oncology units. All inpatients symptomatic of loose stools, incontinent of urine, has a drain in situ or leaking wounds.

Consult VRE Guidance and if required isolate in a single room with:

- ✓ ensuite / own commode
- √ door closed
- ✓ IPC yellow sign on door
- ✓ dedicated equipment
- ✓ **VRE Care Checklist** completed daily



Is the patient incontinent of urine or having /loose stools?

Does the patient have any leaking wounds or drains/drain sites?

NO

- ✓ undertake terminal clean of room
- ✓ Stop isolation

## VRE Guidance - Guidelines for patients in isolation:

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

**PPE:** Disposable gloves and yellow apron.

<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

<u>Waste:</u> Dispose of as Clinical / Healthcare waste

## **Incubation Period:** variable

Period of Communicability: While patient is positive for VRE / symptomatic of loose stools / incontinent of urine / has exudating wounds or leaking drains

Notifiable disease: No

<u>Transmission route:</u> direct, indirect contact. Faecal oral route.