

## The effect of contact precautions on frequency of hospital adverse events.

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Contact precautions are essential to preventing the spread of [health care–associated infections](#). Health care workers visit patients on contact precautions less often, and this has [raised concerns](#) about reduced vigilance increasing the risk of adverse events. This case-control study found that patients on contact precautions were actually less likely to experience noninfectious adverse events, allaying concerns about unintended consequences.