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CONTROL OF INFECTION IN AN OPTOMETRY CLINIC

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CONTROL OF INFECTION IN AN OPTOMETRY CLINIC

Infection control deals with the prevention of transmission of an infection from person to person and prevention of transmission through a contaminated object such as an ophthalmic device or through a contaminated contact lens solution bottles.



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A safe environment must be provided to deliver care to your patients

Appropriate infection control method like hand hygiene must be ensured

Use and dispose sharp objects safely

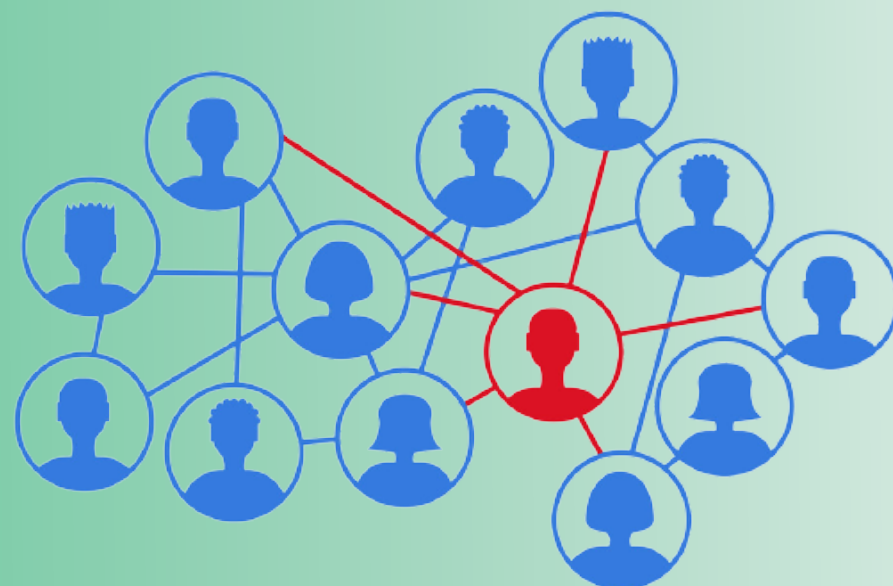
You must be aware of situations of patients with transmissible infections



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ROUTES FOR TRANSMISSION

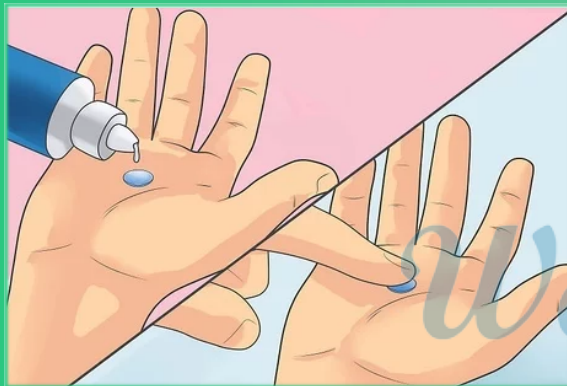
- Physical contact: can spread ophthalmic infections such as bacterial conjunctivitis
- Contact with bodily fluids: tears can contain infectious agents which may be transmitted to yourself or to other patients if your hands are not properly cleaned after an eye exam
- Airborne particles



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METHODS OF CONTROLLING TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION IN AN OPTOMETRY CLINIC



- **Hand hygiene: Decontaminate your hands-**

- before and after contact lens insertion or removal
- after going to the toilet
- before and after contact with ocular surfaces and adnexa
- before and after administering medications eg eye drops



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METHODS OF CONTROLLING TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION IN AN OPTOMETRY CLINIC

- Wear protective clothing while handling and cleaning decontaminated equipment
- Wear gloves when exposed to bodily fluids including tears. You should practice thorough hand hygiene before wearing and after removing gloves as they may not provide complete protection

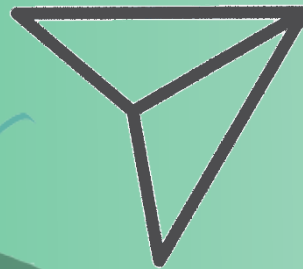




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