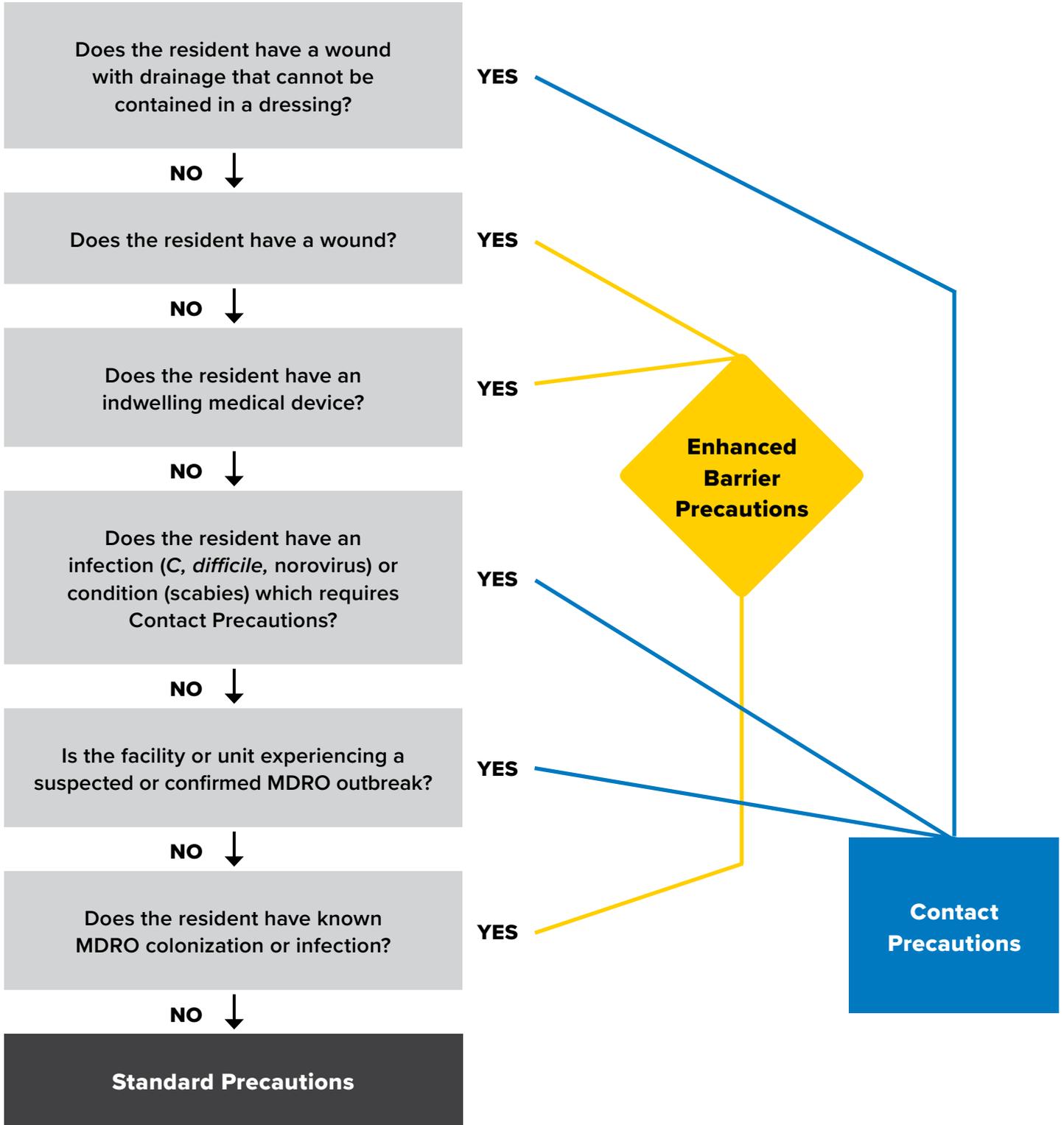




ENHANCED BARRIER PRECAUTIONS

EBP Algorithm



DEFINITIONS

Wound: This generally includes residents with chronic wounds, and not those with only shorter-lasting wounds, such as skin breaks or skin tears covered with a Band-aid or similar dressing. Examples of chronic wounds include, but are not limited to pressure ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers, unhealed surgical wounds, and chronic venous stasis ulcers.

Indwelling medical device: Examples of indwelling medical devices include, but are not limited to, central venous catheters (including hemodialysis catheters), indwelling urinary catheters, feeding tubes, and tracheostomy tubes. Devices that are fully embedded in the body, without components that communicate with the outside, such as pacemakers, would not be considered an indication for Enhanced Barrier Precautions.

RESOURCES

CDC. [Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings \(2007\)](#). Appendix A. Last reviewed November 15, 2015.

CDC. [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) about Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes](#). Last reviewed July 27, 2022.

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