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These are rules developed by the CDC to prevent HCW's contact with blood/body fluids and help break the chain of infection

The basic ideas of standard precautions are:

✓Every body fluid must be considered a potentially infectious material

✓All pts must be considered potential sources of infection, regardless of their disease or diagnosis

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- Standard precautions must be used in any situation where HCW may contact:

1. Blood or any fluid that may contain blood
2. Any body fluids, secretions, and excretions:

mucus, sputum, saliva, CSF, urine, feces, vomitus, amniotic fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, semen, vaginal secretions

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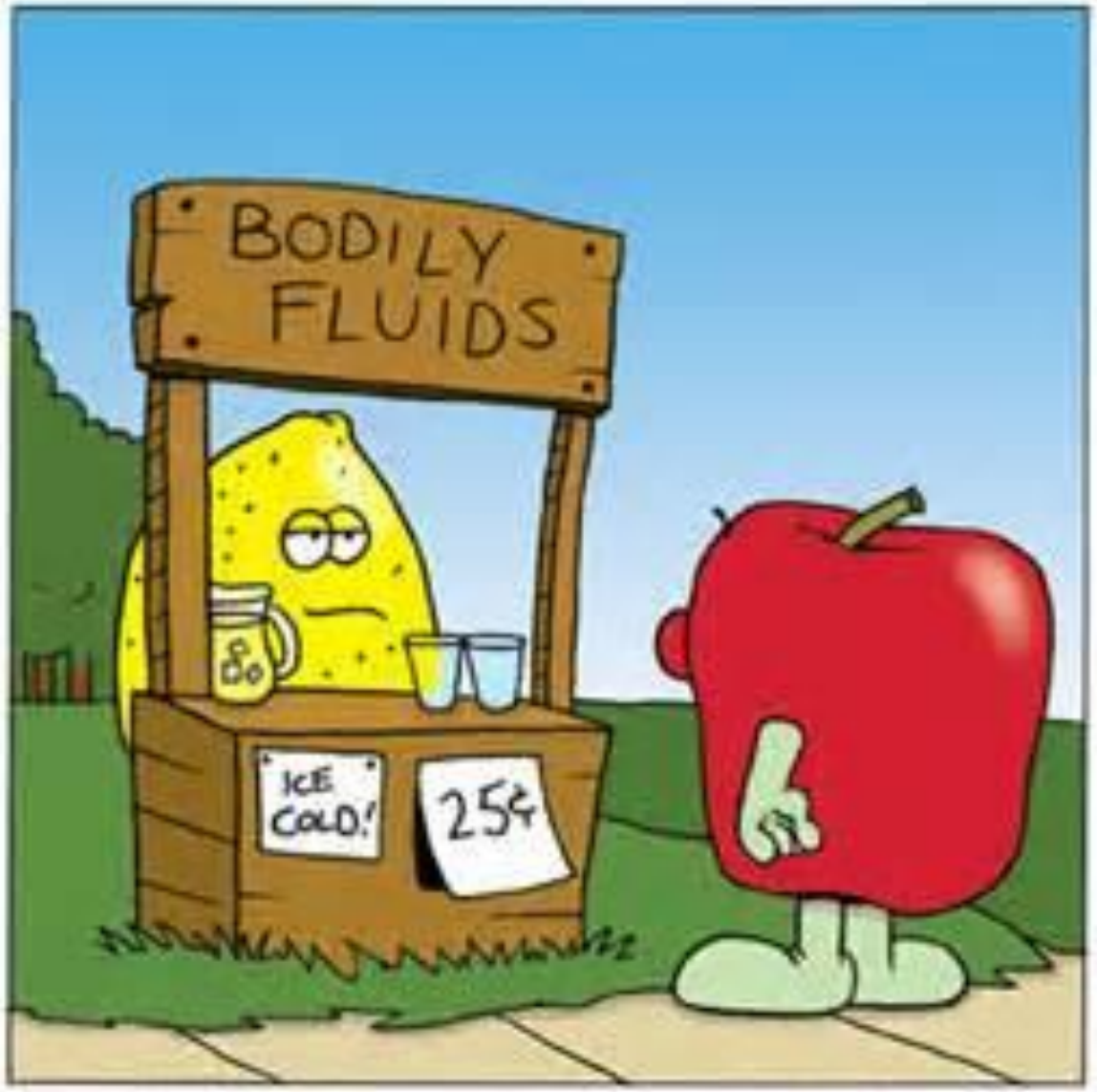
- Standard precautions must be used in any situation where HCW may contact:

3. Mucous membranes
4. Nonintact skin
5. Tissue or cell specimens



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The basic rules of standard precautions:

1. **Handwashing:** must be done before & after contact with pts, if hands are contaminated with blood/body fluids, & immediately before gloving and after removal of gloves

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2. **Gloves:** must be worn whenever contact with blood/body fluids is possible; gloves must be changed after each pt and between tasks on the same pt; gloves must not be reused

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3. **Gowns:** must be worn during any procedure that is likely to cause splashing or spraying of blood/body fluids

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4. **Masks and Eye Protection:** must be worn during procedures that may produce splashes or sprays of blood/body fluids

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5. **Sharps:** Extreme care must be taken while handling sharps to avoid accidental cuts or punctures; sharps containers must be labeled with red biohazard symbol and never be empties or reused

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6. **Spills or Splashes:** must be wiped up immediately and the area disinfected

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7. **Resuscitation Devices:** must be used to avoid the need for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation

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8. **Waste and Linen Disposal:** follow agency policy developed according to law to dispose of waste and soiled linen

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9. **Injuries:** Any cut, injury, needlestick, or splashing of blood/body fluids must be reported immediately