GERMS CAN LIVE IN BLOOD.

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Learn about bloodborne pathogens.

Risk	 Healthcare workers do tasks that involve blood: IVs Blood draws Surgeny Wound care Injections 	S S S
	Surgery Wound care Injections Blood can be on surfaces and linens.	
Germs	 Viruses that can be found in blood Hepatitis B (Hep B) Hepatitis C (Hep C) Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) 	
Facts	 Hepatitis B Remains infectious on environmental surfaces for at least 7 days. Has an effective vaccine. Get vaccinated! 	
	 Hepatitis C Has no vaccine. Spread is related to inadequate infection prevention practices. 	
	 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Causes acquired immunodefieciency syndrom (AIDS). Is spread through sexual contact, and exposure to infected blood. Has no cure. 	
Infection Control Actions	 Actions you can take: Clean your hands. Washing of skin with soap and water when contact to blood and body fluids. Clean and disinfect environmental surfaces. Practice medication injection safety. 	Contraction of the second seco
	Use PPE (gloves, masks, eye protection, gowns).	Health & Human Services

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