



PARTICIPANT BOOKLET

Recognizing Risk Using Reservoirs

Session 3

Recognizing Risk Using Reservoirs: A Review

Project Firstline Infection Control Training Toolkit



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Overview

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Learning Objectives

- Recognize tasks in healthcare that can cause germs to move between and among reservoirs.
- Recognize when to apply infection control actions to limit the spread of germs.

Key Takeaways

- Germs are found in certain places – called reservoirs – and need a pathway to spread to other places and people.
- Things we do in healthcare can be pathways for germs to be carried from one reservoir to another, or into spaces that are not supposed to have any germs.
- When you understand where germs live and how they might be moved from one place to another or to people, you can recognize the risk for it to happen. Everyone, no matter your training or role, can recognize an infection control risk.
- When you recognize risks for germs to spread, you can choose the right infection control actions to keep it from happening, protecting your patients and yourself.

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