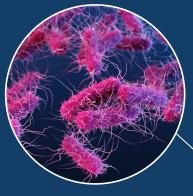


## WHERE IS THE RISK?

Know where germs live to stop spread and protect patients



- The gut is filled with bacteria and some yeasts, which are part of a healthy immune system.
- Most gut germs don't cause problems in healthy people, but they can cause infection when they spread.
- Germs in stool can spread onto hands and skin when wiping or changing a diaper.

## Germs That Live in the Gut

- E. coli
- Klebsiella
- Candida
- Clostridiodes difficile (C. diff)

## Healthcare Tasks Involving the Gut

- Toileting/changing diapers
- Bathing a patient
- Laundry

## **Infection Control Actions** to Reduce Risk

- Hand hygiene
- Use of personal protective equipment (gloves and gowns)
- Cleaning and disinfection
- Textile management
- Waste management

