SECTION #7

INFECTION CONTROL AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES
INFECTION CONTROL GUIDELINES

- Contain **soiled dressings or linen** in an appropriate **leak proof container** or bag, inaccessible to others

- For people with respiratory symptoms:
  -- Teach to **cough into elbow or tissue** and provide a bag for tissue disposal
  -- Assist with **hand washing**
  -- **Wear mask** when in close contact with the person, if there is any chance of secretions splattering (i.e. when suctioning or giving mouth or trach care)
TREATMENT STRATEGIES FOR PEOPLE NEEDING ASSISTANCE

- Contact the doctor immediately
- Start antibiotics as soon as possible and give all medication as prescribed
- Follow directions exactly
- Doctor may need to make an incision and drain a wound
- Keep all open wounds carefully and cleanly covered
WILL MRSA COME BACK AFTER IT IS “CURED”? 

MRSA can and does frequently reoccur

The best way to prevent this is to:

• follow health care provider’s directions while infected
• follow prevention steps after infection is gone
REMEMBER

- Frequent hand washing/hand cleaning
- Keep wounds covered, avoid direct contact with infection and drainage
- Don’t touch contaminated materials without protection
- Learn how to care for wounds
- Get a flu shot to prevent MRSA pneumonia