

## **Speak Up to Prevent Infections**

Your child's health and safety are important to us. You can make a difference in your child's care by asking questions and being actively involved.

## What can you do to help prevent infections?

- 1) Clean your hands up to your elbows.
  - Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
  - Use soap and water if your hands look dirty.
  - Always wash your hands before entering or exiting your child's room, touching, or holding your child, and eating with, or feeding your child.
  - Avoid long fingernails or nail designs, these are hiding places for germs.
  - Avoid wearing clothing or jewelry below your elbow when visiting your child.
  - Always wash your hands after touching personal devices such as cell phones, changing diapers, coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose, and using the restroom.
- 2) Remind care providers to clean their hands.
  - As soon as they enter your child's room.
  - Before and after touching your child.
- 3) Try not to touch tubing or wires when holding your child.
- 4) Please stay home if you feel unwell. If you feel you must visit, speak with your child's nurse before