When visiting a loved one in the hospital, do the WAVE to help guard against infection.

For a complete fact sheet with even more ways you can “Do the WAVE” and fight healthcare-associated infections, visit: www.healthcare.gov/partnershipforpatients.

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Help protect your loved ones from healthcare-associated infections.
People can get infections in hospitals and other healthcare settings while being treated for another condition, since medical procedures can expose patients to certain germs.

As a family member or friend who assists in patient care, you are a “caregiver” and, therefore, a member of the healthcare team. Caregivers have an important role in preventing healthcare-associated infections. The good news is, it’s easy for you to help prevent these infections. Just remember: Do the WAVE.