

POLICY – INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM

Outcome

All staff, patients and visitors will be effectively protected from the potential risks of transmission of infectious agents.

Infection Control Program Objectives

1. Patients, staff and visitors will be protected from the risk of transmission of infectious agents by ensuring infection prevention and control practices and reprocessing procedures are conducted at the highest possible standard and in accordance with documented policies and procedures.
2. Potential risks of transmission of infectious agents are identified and corrected immediately should they occur.

Responsibilities

The External Infection Prevention and Control Consultant (EIPCC): Ms Terry McAuley

- a. Formally reviews infection prevention and control practices and reprocessing procedures on an annual basis
- b. Provides infection prevention and control staff education packages
- c. Develops and reviews infection prevention and control policies and procedures as required
- d. Provides infection prevention and control advice as required
- e. Liaises with the Internal Infection Prevention and Control Liaison (IIPCL) – Director of Nursing

The Internal Infection Prevention and Control Liaison (IIPCL): Director of Nursing

- a. In collaboration with the EIPCC, ensures that the criteria in Standard 3 Preventing and Controlling Healthcare-Associated Infection of the NSQSH National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards are met.
- b. Raises and discusses infection prevention and control issues during staff meetings
- c. Provides at least six-monthly infection prevention and control reports to the Medical Advisory Committee [MAC]
- d. Receives incident reports for any blood and body substance exposures and reports on these to the MAC and EIPCC.
- e. Collects and acts upon surveillance data and infection prevention and control internal audit results, i.e., surgical site infections, warm water system temperature testing, Hand Hygiene Audits and reports on these to the MAC and EIPCC as applicable
- f. Ensures new staff identify any gaps in their vaccination status upon employment and recommends they seek appropriate vaccinations
- g. Provides the infection prevention and control orientation program to all new staff on employment
- h. Encourage staff to have covid 19 and influenza vaccination

All staff have the responsibility of complying with infection prevention and control policies and procedures and reporting any situations in which they believe there is a risk of transmission of infectious agents immediately to either the IIPCL or EIPCC as appropriate.

Records / Forms

Infection Prevention and Control Manual
Infection Prevention and Control Management Plan

References

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QLD

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