# Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Outpatient Settings

This tool is intended to assist in the assessment of infection control programs and practices in outpatient settings. In order to complete the assessment, direct observation of infection control practices will be necessary. To facilitate the assessment, health departments are encouraged to share this tool with facilities in advance of their visit.

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**Section 1: Facility Demographics V2-1**

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| NHSN Facility Organization ID (for health department use only) | Click here to enter text. | | |
| State-assigned Unique ID | Click here to enter text. | | |
| Date of Assessment | Click here to enter a date. | | |
| Type of Assessment | On-site  Other (specify): Click here to enter text. | | |
| Rationale for Assessment  (Select all that apply) | Outbreak  Input from accrediting organization or state survey agency  Other (specify): Click here to enter text. | | |
| Is the facility licensed by the state? | Yes  No | | |
| Is the facility certified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)? | Yes  No | | |
| Is the facility accredited? | Yes  No  If yes, list the accreditation organization:  Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)  American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery  Facilities (AAAASF)  American Osteopathic Association (AOA)  The Joint Commission (TJC)  Other (specify): Click here to enter text. | | |
| Is the facility affiliated with a hospital? | Yes (specify – for health department use only): Click here to enter text.  No | | |
| Which procedures are performed by the facility?  Select all that apply. | Chemotherapy | Endoscopy | Ear/Nose/Throat |
| Imaging (MRI/CT) | Immunizations | OB/Gyn |
| Ophthalmologic | Orthopedic | Pain remediation |
| Plastic/reconstructive | Podiatry | Other (specify): Click here to enter text. |
| What is the **primary** procedure-type performed by the facility?  Select only one. | Chemotherapy | Endoscopy | Ear/Nose/Throat |
| Imaging (MRI/CT) | Immunizations | OB/Gyn |
| Ophthalmologic | Orthopedic | Pain remediation |
| Plastic/reconstructive | Podiatry | Other (specify): Click here to enter text. |
| How many physicians work at the facility? | Click here to enter text. | | |
| What is the average number of patients seen per week? | Click here to enter text. | | |

**Section 2: Infection Control Program and Infrastructure**

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| 1. Infection Control Program and Infrastructure | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Written infection prevention policies and procedures are available, current, and based on evidence-based guidelines (e.g., CDC/HICPAC), regulations, or standards.   *Note: Policies and procedures should be appropriate for the services provided by the facility and should extend beyond OSHA bloodborne pathogen training* | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Infection prevention policies and procedures are re-assessed at least annually or according to state or federal requirements, and updated if appropriate. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. At least one individual trained in infection prevention is employed by or regularly available (e.g., by contract) to manage the facility’s infection control program.   *Note: Examples of training may include: Successful completion of initial and/or recertification exams developed by the Certification Board for Infection Control & Epidemiology; participation in infection control courses organized by the state or recognized professional societies (e.g., APIC, SHEA).* | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility has system for early detection and management of potentially infectious persons at initial points of patient encounter.   *Note: System may include taking a travel and occupational history, as appropriate, and elements described under respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette.* | Yes  No |  |

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| 1. Infection Control Training and Competency | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Facility has a competency-based training program that provides job-specific training on infection prevention policies and procedures to healthcare personnel.   *Note: This includes those employed by outside agencies and available by contract or on a volunteer basis to the facility.*  *See sections below for more specific assessment of training related to: hand hygiene, personal protective equipment (PPE), injection safety, environmental cleaning, point-of-care testing, and device reprocessing* | Yes  No |  |

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| 1. Healthcare Personnel Safety | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Facility has an exposure control plan that is tailored to the specific requirements of the facility (e.g., addresses potential hazards posed by specific services provided by the facility).   *Note: A model template, which includes a guide for creating an exposure control plan that meets the requirements of the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard is available at:* <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3186.pdf> | Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP for whom contact with blood or other potentially infectious material is anticipated are trained on the OSHA bloodborne pathogen standard upon hire and at least annually. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Following an exposure event, post-exposure evaluation and follow-up, including prophylaxis as appropriate, are available at no cost to employee and are supervised by a licensed healthcare professional.   *Note: An exposure incident refers to a specific eye, mouth, other*  *mucous membrane, non-intact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that results from the performance of an individual’s duties.* | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility tracks HCP exposure events and evaluates event data and develops/implements corrective action plans to reduce incidence of such events. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility follows recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for immunization of HCP, including offering Hepatitis B and influenza vaccination.   *Note: Immunization of Health-Care Personnel: Recommendations of the ACIP available at:* [*http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6007a1.htm*](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr6007a1.htm) | Yes  No |  |
| 1. All HCP receive baseline tuberculosis (TB) screening prior to placement, and those with potential for ongoing exposure to TB receive periodic screening (if negative) at least annually. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. If respirators are used, the facility has a respiratory protection program that details required worksite-specific procedures and elements for required respirator use, including provision of medical clearance, training, and fit testing as appropriate. | Yes  No  Not Applicable |  |
| 1. Facility has well-defined policies concerning contact of personnel with patients when personnel have potentially transmissible conditions. These policies include:    1. Work-exclusion policies that encourage reporting of illnesses and do not penalize with loss of wages, benefits, or job status.    2. Education of personnel on prompt reporting of illness to supervisor. | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |

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| 1. Surveillance and Disease Reporting | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. An updated list of diseases reportable to the public health authority is readily available to all personnel. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility can demonstrate knowledge of and compliance with mandatory reporting requirements for notifiable diseases, healthcare associated infections (as appropriate), and for potential outbreaks. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Patients who have undergone procedures at the facility are educated regarding signs and symptoms of infection that may be associated with the procedure and instructed to notify the facility if such signs or symptoms occur. | Yes  No |  |

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| V.a. Hand Hygiene | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. All HCP are educated regarding appropriate indications for hand hygiene: 2. Upon hire, prior to provision of care 3. Annually | Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with hand hygiene following each training | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to hand hygiene. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their hand hygiene performance. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Hand hygiene policies promote preferential use of alcohol-based hand rub over soap and water in all clinical situations except when hands are visibly soiled (e.g., blood, body fluids) or after caring for a patient with known or suspected *C. difficile* or norovirus. | Yes  No |  |

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| VI.a. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. HCP who use PPE receive training on proper selection and use of PPE:    * 1. Upon hire, prior to provision of care      2. Annually      3. When new equipment or protocols are introduced | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with selection and use of PPE following each training. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to proper PPE selection and use. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their performance with selection and use of PPE. | Yes  No |  |

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| VII.a. Injection Safety (This element does not include assessment of pharmacy/compounding practices) | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. HCP who prepare and/or administer parenteral medications receive training on safe injection practices:    1. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to prepare and/or administer parenteral medications    2. Annually    3. When new equipment or protocols are introduced | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with safe injection practices following each training. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to safe injection practices. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to safe injection practices. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures to track HCP access to controlled substances to prevent narcotics theft/diversion.   *Note: Policies and procedures should address: how data are reviewed, how facility would respond to unusual access patterns, how facility would assess risk to patients if tampering (alteration or substitution) is suspected or identified, and who the facility would contact if diversion is suspected or identified.* | Yes  No |  |

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| VIII.a. Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures to contain respiratory secretions in persons who have signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, beginning at point of entry to the facility and continuing through the duration of the visit. Policies include:    1. Offering facemasks to coughing patients and other symptomatic persons upon entry to the facility, at a minimum, during periods of increased respiratory infection activity in the community.    2. Providing space in waiting rooms and encouraging persons with symptoms of respiratory infections to sit as far away from others as possible.   *Note: If available, facilities may wish to place patients with symptoms of a respiratory infection in a separate area while waiting for care.* | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility educates HCP on the importance of infection prevention measures to contain respiratory secretions to prevent the spread of respiratory pathogens. | Yes  No |  |

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| IX.a. Point-of-Care Testing (e.g., blood glucose meters, INR monitor) | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. HCP who perform point-of-care testing receive training on recommended practices: 2. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to perform point-of-care testing 3. Annually 4. When new equipment or protocols are introduced | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with recommended practices for point-of-care testing following each training. | Yes  No Not applicable |  |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended practices during point-of-care testing. | Yes  No Not applicable |  |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to recommended practices. | Yes  No Not applicable |  |

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| X.a. Environmental Cleaning | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Facility has written policies and procedures for routine cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces, including identification of responsible personnel. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Personnel who clean and disinfect patient care areas (e.g., environmental services, technicians, nurses) receive training on cleaning procedures    1. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to perform environmental cleaning    2. Annually    3. When new equipment or protocols are introduced   *Note: If environmental cleaning is performed by contract personnel, facility should verify this is provided by contracting company.* | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with environmental cleaning procedures following each training. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to cleaning and disinfection procedures, including using products in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions (e.g., dilution, storage, shelf-life, contact time). | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to cleaning and disinfection procedures. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility has a policy/procedure for decontamination of spills of blood or other body fluids. | Yes  No |  |

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| X.a. Environmental Cleaning cont. | | |
| **Operating Room** | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Operating rooms are terminally cleaned after last procedure of the day. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Hospital regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended infection control practices for surgical infection prevention including:    1. Adherence to preoperative surgical scrub and hand hygiene    2. Appropriate use of surgical attire and drapes    3. Adherence to aseptic technique and sterile field    4. Proper ventilation requirements in surgical suites    5. Minimization of traffic in the operating room    6. Adherence to cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Hospital provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to surgical infection prevention practices. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |

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| XI.a. Device Reprocessing  The following basic information allows for a general assessment of policies and procedures related to reprocessing of reusable medical devices. Outpatient facilities that are performing on-site sterilization or high-level disinfection of reusable medical devices should refer to the more detailed checklists in separate sections of this document devoted to those issues.  Categories of Medical Devices:   * **Critical items** (e.g., surgical instruments) are objects that enter sterile tissue or the vascular system and must be sterile prior to use (see Sterilization Section). * **Semi-critical items** (e.g., endoscopes for upper endoscopy and colonoscopy, vaginal probes) are objects that contact mucous membranes or non-intact skin and require, at a minimum, high-level disinfection prior to reuse (see High-level Disinfection Section). * **Non-critical items** (e.g., blood pressure cuffs) are objects that may come in contact with intact skin but not mucous membranes and should undergo cleaning and low- or intermediate-level disinfection depending on the nature and degree of contamination.   **Single-use devices** (SUDs) are labeled by the manufacturer for a single use and do not have reprocessing instructions. They may *not* be reprocessed for reuse except by entities which have complied with FDA regulatory requirements and have received FDA clearance to reprocess specific SUDs.  Note: Cleaning must always be performed prior to sterilization and disinfection | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures to ensure that reusable medical devices are cleaned and reprocessed appropriately prior to use on another patient.   *Note: This includes clear delineation of responsibility among HCP for cleaning and disinfection of equipment including, non-critical equipment, mobile devices, and other electronics (e.g., point-of-care devices) that might not be reprocessed in a centralized reprocessing area.* | Yes  No |  |
| The individual(s) in charge of infection prevention at the facility is consulted whenever new devices or products will be purchased or introduced to ensure implementation of appropriate reprocessing policies and procedures. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP responsible for reprocessing reusable medical devices receive hands-on training on proper selection and use of PPE and recommended steps for reprocessing assigned devices: 2. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to reprocess devices 3. Annually 4. When new devices are introduced or policies/procedures change.   *Note: If device reprocessing is performed by contract personnel, facility should verify this is provided by contracting company.* | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with reprocessing procedures (i.e., correct technique is observed by trainer) following each training. | Yes  No |  |

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| XI.a. Device Reprocessing cont. | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to reprocessing procedures. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to reprocessing procedures. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility has protocols to ensure that HCP can readily identify devices that have been properly reprocessed and are ready for patient use (e.g., tagging system, storage in designated area). | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures outlining facility response (i.e., risk assessment and recall of device) in the event of a reprocessing error or failure. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Routine maintenance for reprocessing equipment (e.g., automated endoscope reprocessors, steam autoclave) is performed by qualified personnel in accordance with manufacturer instructions; confirm maintenance records are available. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |

**Section 3: Direct Observation of Facility Practices**

Certain infection control lapses (e.g., reuse of syringes on more than one patient or to access a medication container that is used for subsequent patients; reuse of lancets) have resulted in bloodborne pathogen transmission and should be halted immediately. Identification of such lapses warrants appropriate notification and testing of potentially affected patients.

If an element is unable to be observed during an assessment (e.g., no patients received point-of-care testing during the visit), assess the element by interviewing appropriate personnel about facility practices. Notation should also be made in the notes section that the element was not able to be directly observed.

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| V.b. Hand hygiene | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Supplies necessary for adherence to hand hygiene (e.g., soap, water, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rub) are readily accessible to HCP in patient care areas. | Yes  No |  |
| Hand hygiene performed correctly:   1. Before contact with the patient 2. Before performing an aseptic task (e.g., insertion of IV or preparing an injection) 3. After contact with the patient 4. After contact with objects in the immediate vicinity of the patient 5. After contact with blood, body fluids or contaminated surfaces 6. After removing gloves 7. When moving from a contaminated-body site to a clean-body site during patient care | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |

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| VI.b. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Sufficient and appropriate PPE is available and readily accessible to HCP. | Yes  No |  |
| PPE is used correctly: | | |
| 1. PPE, other than respirator, is removed and discarded prior to leaving the patient’s room or care area. If a respirator is used, it is removed and discarded (or reprocessed if reusable) after leaving the patient room or care area and closing the door. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Hand hygiene is performed immediately after removal of PPE. | Yes  No |  |

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| VI.b. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) cont. | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Gloves    1. HCP wear gloves for potential contact with blood, body fluids, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, or contaminated equipment.    2. HCP do not wear the same pair of gloves for the care of more than one patient.    3. HCP do not wash gloves for the purpose of reuse. | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
| 1. Gowns    1. HCP wear gowns to protect skin and clothing during procedures or activities where contact with blood or body fluids is anticipated.    2. HCP do not wear the same gown for the care of more than one patient. | Yes  No Not Applicable  Yes  No Not Applicable |  |
| 1. Facial protection    1. HCP wear mouth, nose, and eye protection during procedures that are likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood or other body fluids. | Yes  No Not Applicable |  |

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| VII.b. Injection safety (This element does not include assessment of pharmacy/compounding practices) | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Injections are prepared using aseptic technique in a clean area free from contamination or contact with blood, body fluids or contaminated equipment. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Needles and syringes are used for only one patient (this includes manufactured prefilled syringes and cartridge devices such as insulin pens). | Yes  No |  |
| 1. The rubber septum on a medication vial is disinfected with alcohol prior to piercing. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Medication containers are entered with a new needle and a new syringe, even when obtaining additional doses for the same patient. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Single dose (single-use) medication vials, ampules, and bags or bottles of intravenous solution are used for only one patient. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Medication administration tubing and connectors are used for only one patient. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Multi-dose vials are dated by HCP when they are first opened and discarded within 28 days unless the manufacturer specifies a different (shorter or longer) date for that opened vial.   *Note: This is different from the expiration date printed on the vial.* | Yes  No  Not applicable  (Facility does not use multi-dose vials or discards them after single patient use) |  |

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| VII.b. Injection safety (This element does not include assessment of pharmacy/compounding practices) cont. | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Multi-dose vials to be used for more than one patient are kept in a centralized medication area and do not enter the immediate patient treatment area (e.g., operating room, patient room/cubicle).   *Note: If multi-dose vials enter the immediate patient treatment area they should be dedicated for single-patient use and discarded immediately after use.* | Yes  No  Not applicable  (Facility does not use multi-dose vials or discards them after single patient use) |  |

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| 1. All sharps are disposed of in a puncture-resistant sharps container. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Filled sharps containers are disposed of in accordance with state regulated medical waste rules. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. All controlled substances (e.g., Schedule II, III, IV, V drugs) are kept locked within a secure area. | Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP wear a facemask (e.g., surgical mask) when placing a catheter or injecting material into the epidural or subdural space (e.g., during myelogram, epidural or spinal anesthesia). | Yes  No  Not applicable  (Facility does not perform spinal injection procedures) |  |

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| VIII.b. Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Facility: 2. Posts signs at entrances with instructions to patients with symptoms of respiratory infection to:    1. Inform HCP of symptoms of a respiratory infection when they first register for care, and    2. Practice Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette (cover their mouths/noses when coughing or sneezing, use and dispose of tissues, and perform hand hygiene after hands have been covered with respiratory secretions). 3. Provides tissues and no-touch receptacles for disposal of tissues. 4. Provides resources for performing hand hygiene in or near waiting areas. | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No |  |

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| IX.b. Point-of-Care Testing (e.g., blood glucose meters, INR monitor) | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. New single-use, auto-disabling lancing device is used for each patient.   *Note: Lancet holder devices are not suitable for multi-patient use.* | Yes  No Not applicable |  |
| 1. If used for more than one patient, the point-of-care testing meter is cleaned and disinfected after every use according to manufacturer’s instructions.   *Note: If the manufacturer does not provide instructions for cleaning and disinfection, then the testing meter should not be used for >1 patient.* | Yes  No Not applicable |  |

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| X.b. Environmental Cleaning | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Supplies necessary for appropriate cleaning and disinfection procedures (e.g., EPA-registered disinfectants) are available.   *Note: If environmental services are performed by contract personnel, facility should verify that appropriate EPA-registered products are provided by contracting company* | Yes  No |  |
| 1. High-touch surfaces in rooms where surgical or other invasive procedures (e.g., endoscopy, spinal injections) are performed are cleaned and then disinfected with an EPA-registered disinfectant after each procedure. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Cleaners and disinfectants are used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions (e.g., dilution, storage, shelf-life, contact time). | Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP engaged in environmental cleaning wear appropriate PPE to prevent exposure to infectious agents or chemicals (PPE can include gloves, gowns, masks, and eye protection).   *Note: The exact type of correct PPE depends on infectious or chemical agent and anticipated type of exposure.* | Yes  No |  |

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| XI.b. Device Reprocessing | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Policies, procedures, and manufacturer reprocessing instructions for reusable medical devices used in the facility are available in the reprocessing area(s). | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Reusable medical devices are cleaned, reprocessed (disinfection or sterilization) and maintained according to the manufacturer instructions.   *Note: If the manufacturer does not provide such instructions, the device may not be suitable for multi-patient use.* | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Single-use devices are discarded after use and not used for more than one patient.   *Note: If the facility elects to reuse single-use devices, these devices must be reprocessed prior to reuse by a third-party reprocessor that it is registered with the FDA as a third-party reprocessor and cleared by the FDA to reprocess the specific device in question. The facility should have documentation from the third party reprocessor confirming this is the case.* | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Reprocessing area: 2. Adequate space is allotted for reprocessing activities. 3. A workflow pattern is followed such that devices clearly flow from high contamination areas to clean/sterile areas (i.e., there is clear separation between soiled and clean workspaces). | Yes  No  Yes  No |  |
| 1. Adequate time for reprocessing is allowed to ensure adherence to all steps recommended by the device manufacturer, including drying and proper storage.   *Note: Facilities should have an adequate supply of instruments for the volume of procedures is performed and should schedule procedures to allow sufficient time for all reprocessing steps.* | Yes  No |  |
| 1. HCP engaged in device reprocessing wear appropriate PPE to prevent exposure to infectious agents or chemicals (PPE can include gloves, gowns, masks, and eye protection).   *Note: The exact type of correct PPE depends on infectious or chemical agent and anticipated type of exposure.* | Yes  No |  |
| 1. Medical devices are stored in a manner to protect from damage and contamination. | Yes  No |  |

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| XII. Sterilization of Reusable Devices  Note: If all device sterilization is performed off-site, skip to items M-O below. | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Devices are thoroughly cleaned according to manufacturer instructions and visually inspected for residual soil prior to sterilization.   *Note: Cleaning may be manual (i.e., using friction) and/or mechanical (e.g., with ultrasonic cleaners, washer-disinfector, washer-sterilizers).*  *Ensure appropriately sized cleaning brushes are selected for cleaning device channels and lumens.* | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Cleaning is performed as soon as practical after use (e.g., at the point of use) to prevent soiled materials from becoming dried onto devices. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Enzymatic cleaner or detergent is used for cleaning and discarded according to manufacturer’s instructions (typically after each use) | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Cleaning brushes are disposable or, if reusable, cleaned and high-level disinfected or sterilized (per manufacturer’s instructions) after use. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. After cleaning, instruments are appropriately wrapped/packaged for sterilization (e.g., package system selected is compatible with the sterilization process being performed, items are placed correctly into the basket, shelf or cart of the sterilizer so as not to impede the penetration of the sterilant, hinged instruments are open, instruments are disassembled if indicated by the manufacturer). | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. A chemical indicator (process indicator) is placed correctly in the instrument packs in every load. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. A biological indicator, intended specifically for the type and cycle parameters of the sterilizer, is used at least weekly for each sterilizer and with every load containing implantable items. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. For dynamic air removal-type sterilizers (e.g., prevacuum steam sterilizer), an air removal test (Bowie-Dick test) is performed in an empty dynamic-air removal sterilizer each day the sterilizer is used to verify efficacy of air removal. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Sterile packs are labeled with a load number that indicates the sterilizer used, the cycle or load number, the date of sterilization, and, if applicable, the expiration date. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Sterilization logs are current and include results from each load. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Immediate-use steam sterilization, if performed, is only done in circumstances in which routine sterilization procedures cannot be performed. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Instruments that undergo immediate-use steam sterilization are used immediately and not stored. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. After sterilization, medical devices are stored so that sterility is not compromised. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Sterile packages are inspected for integrity and compromised packages are reprocessed prior to use. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. The facility has a process to perform initial cleaning of devices (to prevent soiled materials from becoming dried onto devices) prior to transport to the off-site facility. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |

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| 1. High-Level Disinfection of Reusable Devices   Note: If all high-level disinfection is performed off-site, skip to items L-N below. | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. Flexible endoscopes are inspected for damage and leak tested as part of each reprocessing cycle. Any device that fails the leak test is removed from clinical use and repaired. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Devices are thoroughly cleaned according to manufacturer instructions and visually inspected for residual soil prior to high-level disinfection.   *Note: Cleaning may be manual (i.e., using friction) and/or*  *mechanical (e.g,. with ultrasonic cleaners, washer-disinfector,*  *washer-sterilizers).*    *Ensure appropriately sized cleaning brushes are selected for*  *cleaning device channels and lumens.* | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Cleaning is performed as soon as practical after use (e.g., at the point of use) to prevent soiled materials from becoming dried onto instruments. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Enzymatic cleaner or detergent is used and discarded according to manufacturer instructions (typically after each use). | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Cleaning brushes are disposable or, if reusable, cleaned and high-level disinfected or sterilized (per manufacturer instructions) after use. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. For chemicals used in high-level disinfection, manufacturer instructions are followed for: 2. Preparation 3. Testing for appropriate concentration, and 4. Replacement (i.e., upon expiration or loss of efficacy) | Yes  No  Yes  No  Yes  No  Not applicable |  |

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| XIII. High-Level Disinfection of Reusable Devices cont. | | |
| **Elements to be assessed** | **Assessment** | **Notes/Areas for Improvement** |
| 1. If automated reprocessing equipment is used, proper connectors are used to assure that channels and lumens are appropriately disinfected. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Devices are disinfected for the appropriate length of time as specified by manufacturer instructions. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Devices are disinfected at the appropriate temperature as specified by manufacturer instructions. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. After high-level disinfection, devices are rinsed with sterile water, filtered water, or tap water followed by a rinse with 70% - 90% ethyl or isopropyl alcohol.   *Note: There is no recommendation to use sterile or filtered water rather than tap water for rinsing semi-critical equipment that contact the mucous membranes of the rectum or vagina* | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Devices are dried thoroughly prior to reuse.   *Note: For lumened instruments (e.g., endoscopes) this includes flushing all channels with alcohol and forcing air through channels.* | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. After high-level disinfection, devices are stored in a manner to protect from damage or contamination.   *Note: Endoscopes should be hung in a vertical position.* | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. Facility maintains a log for each endoscopy procedure which includes: patient’s name and medical record number (if available), procedure, date, endoscopist, system used to reprocess the endoscope (if more than one system could be used in the reprocessing area), and serial number or other identifier of the endoscope used. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |
| 1. The facility has a process to perform initial cleaning of devices (to prevent soiled materials from becoming dried onto devices) prior to transport to off-site facility. | Yes  No  Not applicable |  |

**Section 4: Infection Control Guidelines and Other Resources**

* **General Infection Prevention**

CDC/HICPAC Guidelines and recommendations: <http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/prevent/prevent_pubs.html>

* **Healthcare Personnel Safety**

Guideline for Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/InfectControl98.pdf>

Immunization of HealthCare Personnel: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/hcw.htm>

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogens and Needlestick Prevention Standard: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/index.html>

OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard: <https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_id=12716&p_table=STANDARDS>

OSHA Respirator Fit Testing: <https://www.osha.gov/video/respiratory_protection/fittesting_transcript.html>

* **Hand Hygiene**

Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5116.pdf>

Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings: <http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/>

Examples of tools that can be used to conduct a formal audit of hand hygiene practices:

<http://www.jointcommission.org/assets/1/18/hh_monograph.pdf>

<http://compepi.cs.uiowa.edu/index.php/Research/IScrub>

* **Personal Protective Equipment**

2007 Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/Isolation2007.pdf>

Guidance for the Selection and Use of Personal Protective Equipment in Healthcare Settings: <http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/prevent/ppe.html>

* **Injection Safety**

2007 Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/Isolation2007.pdf>

CDC Injection Safety Web Materials: <http://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/>

CDC training video and related Safe Injection Practices Campaign materials: [http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org/](http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org/%20)

* **Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette**

2007 Guidelines for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/Isolation2007.pdf>

Recommendations for preventing the spread of influenza: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/>

* **Environmental Cleaning**

Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Healthcare Facilities: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/eic_in_HCF_03.pdf>

Options for Evaluating Environmental Infection Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/toolkits/Evaluating-Environmental-Cleaning.html>

* **Equipment Reprocessing**

Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities: <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/Disinfection_Nov_2008.pdf>

FDA regulations on reprocessing of single-use devices: <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm071434>

* **Point-of-Care Testing**

Infection Prevention during Blood Glucose Monitoring and Insulin Administration: <http://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/blood-glucose-monitoring.html>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding Assisted Blood Glucose Monitoring and Insulin Administration: <http://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/providers/blood-glucose-monitoring_faqs.html>

* **Resources to assist with evaluation and response to breaches in infection control**

Patel PR, Srinivasan A, Perz JF. Developing a broader approach to management of infection control breaches in health care settings. Am J Infect Control. 2008 Dec;36(10);685-90

Steps for Evaluating an Infection Control Breach: <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/steps_for_eval_IC_breach.html>

Patient Notification Toolkit: <http://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/pntoolkit/index.html>

Assessment Summary



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| **I. Infection Control Program and Infrastructure** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| 1. Written infection prevention policies and procedures are available, current, and based on evidence-based guidelines (e.g., CDC/HICPAC), regulations, or standards. |
| 1. Infection prevention policies and procedures are re-assessed at least annually or according to state or federal requirements, and updated if appropriate. |
| 1. At least one individual trained in infection prevention is employed by or regularly available (e.g., by contract) to manage the facility’s infection control program. |
| 1. Facility has system for early detection and management of potentially infectious persons at initial points of patient encounter. |
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| **II. Infection Control Training and Competency** |
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| 1. Facility has a competency-based training program that provides job-specific training on infection prevention policies and procedures to healthcare personnel. |
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| **III. Healthcare Personnel Safety** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| 1. Facility has an exposure control plan that is tailored to the specific requirements of the facility (e.g., addresses potential hazards posed by specific services provided by the facility). |
| 1. HCP for whom contact with blood or other potentially infectious material is anticipated are trained on the OSHA bloodborne pathogen standard upon hire and at least annually. |
| 1. Following an exposure event, post-exposure evaluation and follow-up, including prophylaxis as appropriate, are available at no cost to employee and are supervised by a licensed healthcare professional. |
| 1. Facility tracks HCP exposure events and evaluates event data and develops/implements corrective action plans to reduce incidence of such events. |
| 1. Facility follows recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for immunization of HCP, including offering Hepatitis B and influenza vaccination. |
| 1. All HCP receive baseline tuberculosis (TB) screening prior to placement, and those with potential for ongoing exposure to TB receive periodic screening (if negative) at least annually. |
| 1. If respirators are used, the facility has a respiratory protection program that details required worksite-specific procedures and elements for required respirator use, including provision of medical clearance, training, and fit testing as appropriate. |
| 1. Facility has well-defined policies concerning contact of personnel with patients when personnel have potentially transmissible conditions. These policies include: |
| 1. Work-exclusion policies that encourage reporting of illnesses and do not penalize with loss of wages, benefits, or job status. |
| 1. Education of personnel on prompt reporting of illness to supervisor. |
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| **IV. Surveillance and Disease Reporting** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| 1. An updated list of diseases reportable to the public health authority is readily available to all personnel. |
| 1. Facility can demonstrate knowledge of and compliance with mandatory reporting requirements for notifiable diseases, healthcare associated infections (as appropriate), and for potential outbreaks. |
| 1. Patients who have undergone procedures at the facility are educated regarding signs and symptoms of infection that may be associated with the procedure and instructed to notify the facility if such signs or symptoms occur. |
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| **V. Hand Hygiene** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| **V.a.** |
| 1. All HCP are educated regarding appropriate indications for hand hygiene: 2. Upon hire, prior to provision of care |
| 1. All HCP are educated regarding appropriate indications for hand hygiene: 2. Annually |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with hand hygiene following each training |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to hand hygiene. |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their hand hygiene performance. |
| 1. Hand hygiene policies promote preferential use of alcohol-based hand rub over soap and water in all clinical situations except when hands are visibly soiled (e.g., blood, body fluids) or after caring for a patient with known or suspected *C. difficile* or norovirus. |
| **V.b.** |
| 1. Supplies necessary for adherence to hand hygiene (e.g., soap, water, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rub) are readily accessible to HCP in patient care areas. |
| 1. Before contact with the patient |
| 1. Before performing an aseptic task (e.g., insertion of IV or preparing an injection) |
| 1. After contact with the patient |
| 1. After contact with objects in the immediate vicinity of the patient |
| 1. After contact with blood, body fluids or contaminated surfaces |
| 1. After removing gloves |
| 1. When moving from a contaminated-body site to a clean-body site during patient care |
| Summary of ‘No’ Responses |
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| **VI. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| **VI.a.** |
| 1. HCP who use PPE receive training on proper selection and use of PPE:    * 1. Upon hire, prior to provision of care |
| 1. HCP who use PPE receive training on proper selection and use of PPE:    * 1. Annually |
| 1. HCP who use PPE receive training on proper selection and use of PPE:    * 1. When new equipment or protocols are introduced |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with selection and use of PPE following each training. |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to proper PPE selection and use. |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their performance with selection and use of PPE. |
| **VI.b.** |
| 1. Sufficient and appropriate PPE is available and readily accessible to HCP. |
| 1. PPE, other than respirator, is removed and discarded prior to leaving the patient’s room or care area. If a respirator is used, it is removed and discarded (or reprocessed if reusable) after leaving the patient room or care area and closing the door. |
| 1. Hand hygiene is performed immediately after removal of PPE. |
| D. i. HCP wear gloves for potential contact with blood, body fluids, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, or contaminated equipment. |
| D. ii. HCP do not wear the same pair of gloves for the care of more than one patient. |
| D. ii. HCP do not wash gloves for the purpose of reuse. |
| E. i. HCP wear gowns to protect skin and clothing during procedures or activities where contact with blood or body fluids is anticipated. |
| E. ii. HCP do not wear the same gown for the care of more than one patient. |
| 1. Facial protection 2. HCP wear mouth, nose, and eye protection during procedures that are likely to generate splashes or sprays of blood or other body fluids. |
| Summary of ‘No’ Responses |
| **VI.a.** |
| 1. HCP who use PPE receive training on proper selection and use of PPE:    * 1. Upon hire, prior to provision of care |
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| **VII. Injection Safety** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| **VII.a.** |
| 1. HCP who prepare and/or administer parenteral medications receive training on safe injection practices:    1. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to prepare and/or administer parenteral medications |
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| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to safe injection practices. |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures to track HCP access to controlled substances to prevent narcotics theft/diversion. |
| **VII.b.** |
| 1. Injections are prepared using aseptic technique in a clean area free from contamination or contact with blood, body fluids or contaminated equipment. |
| 1. Needles and syringes are used for only one patient (this includes manufactured prefilled syringes and cartridge devices such as insulin pens). |
| 1. The rubber septum on a medication vial is disinfected with alcohol prior to piercing. |
| 1. Medication containers are entered with a new needle and a new syringe, even when obtaining additional doses for the same patient. |
| 1. Single dose (single-use) medication vials, ampules, and bags or bottles of intravenous solution are used for only one patient. |
| 1. Medication administration tubing and connectors are used for only one patient. |
| 1. Multi-dose vials are dated by HCP when they are first opened and discarded within 28 days unless the manufacturer specifies a different (shorter or longer) date for that opened vial. |
| 1. Multi-dose vials to be used for more than one patient are kept in a centralized medication area and do not enter the immediate patient treatment area (e.g,. operating room, patient room/cubicle). |
| 1. All sharps are disposed of in a puncture-resistant sharps container. |
| 1. Filled sharps containers are disposed of in accordance with state regulated medical waste rules. |
| 1. All controlled substances (e.g., Schedule II, III, IV, V drugs) are kept locked within a secure area. |
| 1. HCP wear a facemask (e.g., surgical mask) when placing a catheter or injecting material into the epidural or subdural space (e.g., during myelogram, epidural or spinal anesthesia). |
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| **VIII. Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| **VIII.a.** |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures to contain respiratory secretions in persons who have signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, beginning at point of entry to the facility and continuing through the duration of the visit. Policies include: |
| 1. Offering facemasks to coughing patients and other symptomatic persons upon entry to the facility, at a minimum, during periods of increased respiratory infection activity in the community. |
| 1. Providing space in waiting rooms and encouraging persons with symptoms of respiratory infections to sit as far away from others as possible. |
| 1. Facility educates HCP on the importance of infection prevention measures to contain respiratory secretions to prevent the spread of respiratory pathogens. |
| **VIII.b.** |
| A. i. Posts signs at entrances with instructions to patients with symptoms of respiratory infection to:   * 1. Inform HCP of symptoms of a respiratory infection when they first register for care, and   2. Practice Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette (cover their mouths/noses when coughing or sneezing, use and dispose of tissues, and perform hand hygiene after hands have been covered with respiratory secretions). |
| A. ii. Provides tissues and no-touch receptacles for disposal of tissues. |
| A. iii. Provides resources for performing hand hygiene in or near waiting areas. |
| Summary of ‘No’ Responses |
| **VIII.a.** |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures to contain respiratory secretions in persons who have signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection, beginning at point of entry to the facility and continuing through the duration of the visit. Policies include: |
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| **VIII.b.** |
| A. i. Posts signs at entrances with instructions to patients with symptoms of respiratory infection to:   1. Inform HCP of symptoms of a respiratory infection when they first register for care, and 2. Practice Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette (cover their mouths/noses when coughing or sneezing, use and dispose of tissues, and perform hand hygiene after hands have been covered with respiratory secretions). |
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| **IX. Point-of-Care Testing** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| **IX.a.** |
| 1. HCP who perform point-of-care testing receive training on recommended practices:    * 1. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to perform point-of-care testing |
| 1. HCP who perform point-of-care testing receive training on recommended practices:    * 1. Annually |
| 1. HCP who perform point-of-care testing receive training on recommended practices:    * 1. When new equipment or protocols are introduced |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with recommended practices for point-of-care testing following each training. |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended practices during point-of-care testing. |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to recommended practices. |
| **IX.b.** |
| 1. New single-use, auto-disabling lancing device is used for each patient. |
| 1. If used for more than one patient, the point-of-care testing meter is cleaned and disinfected after every use according to manufacturer’s instructions. |
| Summary of ‘No’ Responses |
| **IX.a.** |
| 1. HCP who perform point-of-care testing receive training on recommended practices:    * 1. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to perform point-of-care testing |
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| **X. Environmental Cleaning** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| **X.a.** |
| 1. Facility has written policies and procedures for routine cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces, including identification of responsible personnel. |
| 1. Personnel who clean and disinfect patient care areas (e.g., environmental services, technicians, nurses) receive training on cleaning procedures    1. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to perform environmental cleaning |
| 1. Personnel who clean and disinfect patient care areas (e.g., environmental services, technicians, nurses) receive training on cleaning procedures    1. Annually |
| 1. Personnel who clean and disinfect patient care areas (e.g., environmental services, technicians, nurses) receive training on cleaning procedures    1. When new equipment or protocols are introduced |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with environmental cleaning procedures following each training. |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to cleaning and disinfection procedures, including using products in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions (e.g., dilution, storage, shelf-life, contact time). |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to cleaning and disinfection procedures. |
| 1. Facility has a policy/procedure for decontamination of spills of blood or other body fluids. |
| 1. Operating rooms are terminally cleaned after last procedure of the day. |
| 1. Hospital regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended infection control practices for surgical infection prevention including: 2. Adherence to preoperative surgical scrub and hand hygiene |
| 1. Hospital regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended infection control practices for surgical infection prevention including: 2. Appropriate use of surgical attire and drapes |
| 1. Hospital regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended infection control practices for surgical infection prevention including: 2. Adherence to aseptic technique and sterile field |
| 1. Hospital regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended infection control practices for surgical infection prevention including: 2. Proper ventilation requirements in surgical suites |
| 1. Hospital regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended infection control practices for surgical infection prevention including: 2. Minimization of traffic in the operating room |
| 1. Hospital regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to recommended infection control practices for surgical infection prevention including: 2. Adherence to cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces |
| 1. Hospital provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to surgical infection prevention practices. |
| **X.b.** |
| 1. Supplies necessary for appropriate cleaning and disinfection procedures (e.g., EPA-registered disinfectants) are available. |
| 1. High-touch surfaces in rooms where surgical or other invasive procedures (e.g., endoscopy, spinal injections) are performed are cleaned and then disinfected with an EPA-registered disinfectant after each procedure. |
| 1. Cleaners and disinfectants are used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions (e.g., dilution, storage, shelf-life, contact time). |
| 1. HCP engaged in environmental cleaning wear appropriate PPE to prevent exposure to infectious agents or chemicals (PPE can include gloves, gowns, masks, and eye protection). |
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| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with environmental cleaning procedures following each training. |
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| **XI. Device Reprocessing** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| **XI.a.** |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures to ensure that reusable medical devices are cleaned and reprocessed appropriately prior to use on another patient. |
| 1. The individual(s) in charge of infection prevention at the facility is consulted whenever new devices or products will be purchased or introduced to ensure implementation of appropriate reprocessing policies and procedures. |
| 1. HCP responsible for reprocessing reusable medical devices receive hands-on training on proper selection and use of PPE and recommended steps for reprocessing assigned devices: 2. Upon hire, prior to being allowed to reprocess devices |
| 1. HCP responsible for reprocessing reusable medical devices receive hands-on training on proper selection and use of PPE and recommended steps for reprocessing assigned devices: 2. Annually |
| 1. HCP responsible for reprocessing reusable medical devices receive hands-on training on proper selection and use of PPE and recommended steps for reprocessing assigned devices: 2. When new devices are introduced or policies/procedures change. |
| 1. HCP are required to demonstrate competency with reprocessing procedures (i.e., correct technique is observed by trainer) following each training. |
| 1. Facility regularly audits (monitors and documents) adherence to reprocessing procedures. |
| 1. Facility provides feedback from audits to personnel regarding their adherence to reprocessing procedures. |
| 1. Facility has protocols to ensure that HCP can readily identify devices that have been properly reprocessed and are ready for patient use (e.g., tagging system, storage in designated area). |
| 1. Facility has policies and procedures outlining facility response (i.e., risk assessment and recall of device) in the event of a reprocessing error or failure. |
| 1. Routine maintenance for reprocessing equipment (e.g., automated endoscope reprocessors, steam autoclave) is performed by qualified personnel in accordance with manufacturer instructions; confirm maintenance records are available. |
| **XI.b.** |
| 1. Policies, procedures, and manufacturer reprocessing instructions for reusable medical devices used in the facility are available in the reprocessing area(s). |
| 1. Reusable medical devices are cleaned, reprocessed (disinfection or sterilization) and maintained according to the manufacturer instructions. |
| 1. Single-use devices are discarded after use and not used for more than one patient. |
| D. i. Adequate space is allotted for reprocessing activities. |
| D. ii. A workflow pattern is followed such that devices clearly flow from high contamination areas to clean/sterile areas (i.e., there is clear separation between soiled and clean workspaces). |
| 1. Adequate time for reprocessing is allowed to ensure adherence to all steps recommended by the device manufacturer, including drying and proper storage. |
| 1. HCP engaged in device reprocessing wear appropriate PPE to prevent exposure to infectious agents or chemicals (PPE can include gloves, gowns, masks, and eye protection). |
| 1. Medical devices are stored in a manner to protect from damage and contamination. |
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| **XII. Sterilization of Reusable Devices** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| 1. Devices are thoroughly cleaned according to manufacturer instructions and visually inspected for residual soil prior to sterilization. |
| 1. Cleaning is performed as soon as practical after use (e.g., at the point of use) to prevent soiled materials from becoming dried onto devices. |
| 1. Enzymatic cleaner or detergent is used for cleaning and discarded according to manufacturer’s instructions (typically after each use) |
| 1. Cleaning brushes are disposable or, if reusable, cleaned and high-level disinfected or sterilized (per manufacturer’s instructions) after use. |
| 1. After cleaning, instruments are appropriately wrapped/packaged for sterilization (e.g., package system selected is compatible with the sterilization process being performed, items are placed correctly into the basket, shelf or cart of the sterilizer so as not to impede the penetration of the sterilant, hinged instruments are open, instruments are disassembled if indicated by the manufacturer). |
| 1. A chemical indicator (process indicator) is placed correctly in the instrument packs in every load. |
| 1. A biological indicator, intended specifically for the type and cycle parameters of the sterilizer, is used at least weekly for each sterilizer and with every load containing implantable items. |
| 1. For dynamic air removal-type sterilizers (e.g., prevacuum steam sterilizer), an air removal test (Bowie-Dick test) is performed in an empty dynamic-air removal sterilizer each day the sterilizer is used to verify efficacy of air removal. |
| 1. Sterile packs are labeled with a load number that indicates the sterilizer used, the cycle or load number, the date of sterilization, and, if applicable, the expiration date. |
| 1. Sterilization logs are current and include results from each load. |
| 1. Immediate-use steam sterilization, if performed, is only done in circumstances in which routine sterilization procedures cannot be performed. |
| 1. Instruments that undergo immediate-use steam sterilization are used immediately and not stored. |
| 1. After sterilization, medical devices are stored so that sterility is not compromised. |
| 1. Sterile packages are inspected for integrity and compromised packages are reprocessed prior to use. |
| 1. The facility has a process to perform initial cleaning of devices (to prevent soiled materials from becoming dried onto devices) prior to transport to the off-site facility. |
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| **XIII. High-Level Disinfection of Reusable Devices** |
| Incomplete Elements |
| 1. Flexible endoscopes are inspected for damage and leak tested as part of each reprocessing cycle. Any device that fails the leak test is removed from clinical use and repaired. |
| 1. Devices are thoroughly cleaned according to manufacturer instructions and visually inspected for residual soil prior to high-level disinfection. |
| 1. Cleaning is performed as soon as practical after use (e.g., at the point of use) to prevent soiled materials from becoming dried onto instruments. |
| 1. Enzymatic cleaner or detergent is used and discarded according to manufacturer instructions (typically after each use). |
| 1. Cleaning brushes are disposable or, if reusable, cleaned and high-level disinfected or sterilized (per manufacturer instructions) after use. |
| 1. For chemicals used in high-level disinfection, manufacturer instructions are followed for: 2. Preparation |
| 1. For chemicals used in high-level disinfection, manufacturer instructions are followed for: 2. Testing for appropriate concentration |
| 1. For chemicals used in high-level disinfection, manufacturer instructions are followed for: 2. Replacement (i.e., upon expiration or loss of efficacy) |
| 1. If automated reprocessing equipment is used, proper connectors are used to assure that channels and lumens are appropriately disinfected. |
| 1. Devices are disinfected for the appropriate length of time as specified by manufacturer instructions. |
| 1. Devices are disinfected at the appropriate temperature as specified by manufacturer instructions. |
| 1. After high-level disinfection, devices are rinsed with sterile water, filtered water, or tap water followed by a rinse with 70% - 90% ethyl or isopropyl alcohol. |
| 1. Devices are dried thoroughly prior to reuse. |
| 1. After high-level disinfection, devices are stored in a manner to protect from damage or contamination. |
| 1. Facility maintains a log for each endoscopy procedure which includes: patient’s name and medical record number (if available), procedure, date, endoscopist, system used to reprocess the endoscope (if more than one system could be used in the reprocessing area), and serial number or other identifier of the endoscope used. |
| 1. The facility has a process to perform initial cleaning of devices (to prevent soiled materials from becoming dried onto devices) prior to transport to off-site facility. |
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| **Follow Up Activities:** | Repeat on-site assessment planned (date: Click here to enter a date.) |
| Repeat remote (phone/email) assessment planned (date: Click here to enter a date.) |
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IC Program and Infrastructure  IC Training and Competency

HCP Safety  Surveillance/Reporting  Hand Hygiene

PPE  Injection Safety  Respiratory Hygiene  POC Testing

Environmental Cleaning  Device Reprocessing

Sterilization of Reusable Devices  Disinfection of Reusable Devices