

Infection Control Facility Resource Management System

Every nursing facility must have written general policies for the control of communicable diseases in employees and residents and must maintain evidence of compliance with local and/or state health codes or ordinances. A facility is required to comply with Universal Precautions in the care of all residents. Based on these requirements, it is recommended that a facility have available resource materials in the facility to reference. The basic resources a facility should have available to staff above and beyond their general Infection Control policies are:

- APIC Guidelines for Infection Control Practice (handwashing and hand antiseptics in health care settings)
Website: www.apic.org/html/resc/guidlist.html
- AHRQ Guidelines - Pressure Ulcer Prevention/Infection Control
Website: www.ahrq.gov/clinic/cpgonline.htm
- CDC (Center for Disease Control) Guidelines Recommendations for Isolation Precautions
Website: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/isolat/isopart2.htm

It is also recommended that a facility have a management system in place to conduct infection control reviews. The management system should include: performing audits, reviewing and observing clinical and non-clinical practices in all departments, conducting in-service education training with a focus on prevention to all facility employees, and tracking and trending facility infections through a CQI/Quality Assessment and Assurance Committee (191917) process to improve facility practices. It is recommended the facility designate an licensed individual to be responsible for this system management.

The following attached document "Infection Control Review" is an example of a checklist to assist a facility in the management and control of infections.