Surveillance Activities

**Purpose:**

To assure LSUHSC-S University Hospital has a functioning, coordinated process to reduce the risk of endemic and epidemic infections in patients and health care workers.

**Policy**

1. LSUHSC-S University Hospital has an established infection control process that is based on sound epidemiologic principles and research. Guidelines established for this process include, but are not limited to, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Association for Practitioners in Infection Control (APIC) national guidelines, Occupational Safety and Health Organization (OSHA) regulations, and other federal, state, and local regulations.

2. The infection control process is functionally operating through the activities of the Infection Control Department. This department serves as a resource for the Medical Center on matters of infection control, in consultation with the Chairman of the Infection Control Committee.

3. Oversight and guidance of the infection prevention and control process is the responsibility of the University Hospital Medical Staff’s Infection Control Committee. This multi-disciplinary committee, at a minimum, is comprised of members of the Medical Staff, Hospital Administration, Nursing, Occupational Health, Quality Management, and Microbiology.

4. The Director of the Infection Control Department has expertise in infection prevention and control, and is certified in infection prevention and control by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology. Detailed surveillance activities are described in the Infection Prevention and Control Plan, reviewed at least annually, revised, and approved by the Infection Control Committee.

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