LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - SHREVEPORT

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTION

Purpose:
To provide a process by which personnel at LSUHSC-S University Hospital receive appropriate orientation, education, and protection information regarding infection control.

Policy:

1. LSUHSC-S University Hospital employs strategies designed to reduce the risk for and/or prevent nosocomial infections in patients, employees, and visitors. (The director of each unit is responsible for assuring their personnel follow the appropriate policies and procedures.)

2. ORIENTATION

   A. Infection Control practitioners participate in the Health Sciences Center new employee orientation program, the Nursing orientation program and the physician orientation program regarding infection control issues.

   B. The director of each department is responsible for specific orientation of infection control activities in their department.

3. EDUCATION

   A. The Infection Control Practitioner assists in the development and review of each Hospital department’s guidelines regarding Infection Control issues. These guidelines shall be reviewed every other year.

   B. Each department head assures that the approved Infection Control guidelines for their respective department are reviewed with each employee at least annually.

4. PROTECTION

   A. The Infection Control Director updates specific written guidelines concerning aseptic techniques on an on-going basis.
B. The Infection Control staff with confirmation of the Infection Control Committee develops and promulgates specific written guidelines concerning diseases of epidemiological significance (e.g., bloodborne and airborne diseases). These guidelines are updated as needed, made accessible to all health care workers in the Hospital, and are considered part of the Hospital Policies on Infection Control upon approval through the designated Hospital Policy Manual Revision Process.

C. The Infection Control Committee of the Medical Staff develops and promulgates specific written guidelines concerning the following items:

1. handling infectious waste and sharps disposal;
2. segregation of clean and contaminated laundry and other items;
3. decontamination, disinfection, sterilization, and proper storage of equipment and other supplies;
4. isolation technique;
5. bloodborne pathogens;
6. respiratory (TB) protection.

These guidelines are updated as needed, made accessible to all health care workers in the Hospital, and shall be considered adjunctive policies of the Hospital Policies on Infection Control upon approval through the designated Hospital Policy Manual Revision Process.

D. The Infection Control Staff and each respective department head review the infection control guidelines for the work area to determine the personal protective equipment needed in each work area. This determination is reviewed at least every other year.

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Administrator

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Date

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