



SUBJECT: Infection Prevention Plan Broward Health North (BHN) Infection Prevention Plan Addendum	EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/1987
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PURPOSE: Broward Health has developed and implemented an effective system-wide Infection Prevention Program for the surveillance, prevention, and control of infection. This is the BHN specific addendum to the plan.

1. Description of Population

BHN is a 409 bed Adult Level II Trauma Center located in Deerfield Beach, in the northeast section of Broward County, Florida providing tertiary care across a continuum of services from inpatient, outpatient, emergency, rehabilitation, and select community health services. Patient populations include medical-surgical specialties and subspecialties including but not limited to trauma, intensive care, cancer, orthopedic, neurology, renal, pulmonary, diagnostics, endoscopy, wound care, hyperbaric oxygen treatment, stroke, and oncology. The facility’s proximity to Interstate-95, commuter railroad service, adult retirement communities, skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, universities, detention centers, and homeless shelters have a direct influence with individuals needing or seeking medical attention.

Per fiscal year 2022 statistics, our overall payor mix was Medicare 23.9%, Medicaid 5.0%, Managed Care HMO/PPO Medicare 30.7%, HMO Medicaid 7.3%, Managed Care HMO Other/PPO 16.5%, Commercial/WC/H 4.5 %, Self-Pay 11.00%, Charity 1.2%.

Per fiscal year 2022 the median age of population served is 40.5 years of age and the average household income was \$33,729 – \$82,724. Broward County, Florida's estimated 2023 population is **2,003,268** with a growth rate of **0.99%** in the past year according to the most [recent United States census data](#). Broward County, Florida is the 2nd largest county in Florida. The 2010 population was **1,748,066** and has seen a growth of **14.6%** since that time (<https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-counties/fl/broward-county-population>)

According to the Broward County Health Department, there are high numbers of infectious diseases reported. These primarily include HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, STDs, COVID, monkeypox, and tuberculosis. BHN encounters a low rate of patients diagnosed with tuberculosis. The Broward County community rate of tuberculosis as of 2021 was 2.5 per 100,000, 2020 was 2.1 per 100,000 people, 2019 was 2.9 per 100,000 people and in 2018 was 3.5 per 100,000 people. For CY 2021 BHN saw a rate of 1.6 (2 confirmed diagnosed cases of TB/12,501 admissions) per 100,000 patients; For CY 2020, BHN saw a rate of 2.7 (3 confirmed diagnosed cases of TB / 10,966 admissions) per 100,000 patients, in 2019 it was 5.2 (7 confirmed diagnosed cases of TB/13,542 admissions) per 100,00 patients; in 2018 it was 2.2 (3 confirmed diagnosed cases of TB/13,509 admissions) per 100,000 patients and in 2017 it was 2.2 (3 confirmed diagnosed cases of TB/13,857 admissions) per 100,000 patients. This may be attributed to the area's large international community as well Broward County's Port Everglades and Fort Lauderdale International airport. A stringent TB program is in place at BHN to aid in early diagnosis and to prevent the spread of TB in the facility (See TB Risk)

The top ten principle surgical procedures performed in CY 2022 were: Computer assisted robotic knee mako, Cystoscopies (stent insertion, stone extraction, turp, tumor), Exploratory laparotomy, IV access (catheter, hemodialysis, goshong, peritoneal, and port), Vitrectomy (lensectomy, para plana), Incision and drainage, Laparoscopic cholecystectomy/Laparoscopic appendix, Debridement (UE wound, LE wound, trunk, and abdomen), Open reduction internal fixation (acetabulum, ankle, calcaneus, clavicle, elbow, femur, finger, foot, forearm, hand, hip, humerus, mandible, patella, rib, tibia, fibula, wrist, and plateau) and Replacement Total Hip Anterior.

The top ten inpatient principal diagnoses in CY 2022 were: Sepsis, Unspecified, nCoV acute respiratory disease, acute kidney failure, unspecified, hypertensive heart and chronic kidney diseases with heart failure, cerebral infarction, unspecified, urinary tract infection, site not specified, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with (acute) exacerbation, and morbid (severe) obesity due to excess calories.

The top ten Emergency Department principal diagnoses in CY 2022 were: Urinary tract infection, nCoV acute respiratory disease, unspecified abdominal pain, acute upper respiratory infection, other chest pain, headache, viral infection, vomiting, essential hypertension, and dizziness and giddiness.

Conditions such as cancer, indwelling medical devices, disorders that affect the immune system, HIV/AIDS, alcoholism, drug abuse and renal disease can also increase the risk of an individual's risk for acquiring infections.

II. SCOPE OF PROGRAM

- A. Broward Health North (BHN) is a full service 409 bed facility that provides a continuum of care and includes a variety of inpatient, outpatient, rehabilitative, emergency services and select community health services.
- B. Patient populations include medical-surgical specialties including but not limited to trauma, medical surgical, intensive care, cancer, and blood dyscrasias, cardiac and interventional services, orthopedics, neurology.
- C. Services provided at BHN include but not limited to:

Adult Care:	Emergency Department	Community Health Services
Inpatient Rehabilitation	Joint Replacement	Wound Care
Outpatient	Spine Center	Bariatric Center
Rehabilitation	Memory Center	Orthopedic Clinic
Cancer Center	Women's Center	Endoscopy
Neurological Institute	Stroke Center	Cardiac Services
Interventional	Level 2 Trauma	Surgical Services
Radiology	Inpatient Dialysis	Hospice
Outpatient Radiology	Respiratory Services	

III. At Risk Patient Populations:

- A. The Infection Prevention Committee at Broward Health North has identified the following patient populations as being at a higher risk for health care associated or transmissible community acquired infections:
 1. Trauma patients
 2. Patients undergoing surgical and invasive procedures.
 3. Patients undergoing vascular access procedures.
 4. Patients undergoing mechanical ventilation.
 5. Patients with significant pathogens (i.e., multi-drug resistant organisms, C. difficile)
 6. Patients with urinary catheters
 7. Patients admitted through our International Program
 8. Immunocompromised patient (Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Sickle Cell)
 9. Patients with chronic conditions with recurrent hospitalizations (i.e., CHF, COPD)

IV. Roles and Responsibilities of the Infection Prevention Committee:

The ICC is a multidisciplinary committee with representation from but not limited to Medical Staff, Executive Leadership, Employee Health, Nursing, Surgical Services, Ancillary staff, Allied Health, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Surgical Services, Facilities Management and Community Health Services. The role of the ICC is to oversee the BHN Infection Prevention Program.

B. Responsibilities of the Infection Prevention Committee include but are not limited to the following:

The multi-disciplinary Infection Prevention Committee meets at least month, no less than nine (9) times per year. The Chairperson of the ICC, who has the authority of the Chief of Staff and Chief Executive Officer of BHN to oversee the hospital wide Infection Prevention Program. The Infection Prevention Coordinator serves as the facilitator. All hospital departments are encouraged to participate in the ICC and contribute to the infection prevention objectives of the program. Information generated by the Infection Prevention activities is confidential and all individuals having knowledge of this information will maintain confidentiality of privileged health information. The Infection Prevention Committee:

1. Reviews surveillance data finding (include trends in infections, clusters, infections due to unusual pathogens or any occurrence of hospital acquired infections) and facilitates the allocation of resources needed to access information, supplies, equipment, and laboratory services.
2. Initiates recommendations based on mandatory reporting data, surveillance findings, epidemiological investigations, and performance indicator trends.
3. Reviews antibiotic susceptibility/resistance trends.
4. Reports, reviews, and makes any necessary recommendations for the Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) as require for construction/renovation projects as needed.
5. Approves the IPC program's annual evaluation of the plan, infection prevention plan revisions, and reviews new/revised policies annually.
6. The Committee, through the IP, keeps abreast of regulatory guidelines/standards related to infection prevention.
7. All hospital departments are encouraged to participate in the ICC and contribute to the infection prevention objectives of the program.
8. Infections of epidemiologic significance among employees are reported along with any control measures instituted, followed up required or cases of secondary spread.

V.: Objectives:

Objectives for the Infection Prevention Department are as follows.
Please see appendix A- Goals and Objectives CY 2022

VI.: References:

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Organizations references:

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2. The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc (APIC)
3. Association of Peri-Operative Registered Nurses (AORN)
4. Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI)
5. The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

Related Policies:

Broward Health Infection Control Plan (System), Broward Health
Epidemiology and Department Specific Infection Control Policies

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Appendix A

Goals and Objectives CY 2023

**Based on Risk Assessment of Events*

**Will review monthly*

**Target goals based on 10% reduction in harm events from LCY and VBP achievement threshold using NHSN SIR data.*

Hospital Acquired Infection (HAI)/Admission Related Risks

Goal # 1: Overall reduction of hospital acquired infections.

All HAI are of concern, and we strive in chasing zero.

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Plan</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Methodology</i>
CLABSI	Inpatients with central lines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine risk factor for HAI. 2. Decrease HAI 3. Decrease sepsis. 4. Decreasing line days. 	BHN target rate: 1.67	IP Nurses Physicians Pharmacists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IP rounds facility wide. 2. Daily surveillance to monitor labs, identify and verify infections, analyze data. 3. Collect patient demographic data, line days. 4. Identify risks, assess daily need/removal. 5. Monitor bundle compliance during prevalence rounds: dressing, Biopatch, Curocap. 6. Education. 7. Nurse driven action plans. 8. CHG bathing. 9. Skills fair. 10. Peripheral draws for blood specimens. 11. Medline review of dressings 12. Discuss each CLABSI infection to determine lessons learned.

SSI	Patients who had surgery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine risk factor for HAI. 2. Decrease HAI 3. Decrease sepsis. 4. SSI PI team 	<p>BHN target rate: hysterectomy: 0.00</p> <p>colon: 14.24</p>	IP Nurses Physicians Pharmacists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor infection rates for all class I and II surgeries and report to appropriate stakeholders. 2. Monitor COLO and HYST infections and report to NHSN and stakeholders. 3. Daily surveillance of ER log, admission log, micro reports, OR schedule. 4. Weight based dosing for antibiotics, re-dosing as necessary. 5. MRSA screening tool for high-risk patients to receive Vancomycin for prophylaxis. 6. Glucose monitoring. 7. Discuss each SSI to determine lessons learned. 8. CHG wash night before and morning of surgery. 9. Nurse driven action plans. 10. Review temperatures post operatively 11. Review for adequate O2 saturation post op
MDRO (including MRSA bacteremia) and CDI/F	All patients	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine risk factor for HAI. 2. Decrease HAI 3. Decrease sepsis. 4. Decrease readmissions 	<p><u>BHN Target</u> MRSA bacteremia: 0.06</p> <p>CDIFF: 1.41</p>	IP Nurses Physicians Pharmacists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily review of surveillance including admission log, ER log, and microbiology results/monitor labs, identify and verify infections, analyze data. 2. Utilize MedMined data mining program to assist with identifying potential clusters. 3. Review antibiogram and discuss at IPCC and Antimicrobial Stewardship committee. 4. Continue active surveillance for CRE in international patients who were hospitalized

					<p>>48 hours prior to admission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Continue contact precautions for active infection and 3-month history of infection. 6. Utilize Respiratory Viral Panel (Biofire) to prevent antibiotics for viruses. 7. CDI/F: Place patient on enhanced contact precautions per policy and monitor compliance with bleach-based disinfection. 8. Cohort, if necessary, on a case-by-case basis. 9. Intense analysis of all CDI/F and MRSA bacteremia cases including antibiotic indications and all room changes. 10. IP rounds facility wide. 11. Prevalence rounds for isolation, PPE use, equipment disinfection compliance.
CAUTI	Inpatients with Foley catheters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine risk factor for HAI. 2. Decrease HAI 3. Decrease sepsis. 4. Decrease Foley days 	BHN target rate: CAUTI: 0.27	IP Nurses Physicians Pharmacists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IP rounds facility wide. 2. Daily surveillance to monitor labs, identify and verify infections, analyze data. 3. Collect patient demographic data, line days. 4. Identify risks, assess daily need/removal. 5. Nurse driven catheter removal protocol with order. 6. Educate on best practices in nursing orientation and rounding. 7. Nurse driven action plans. 8. Education,

					<p>9. Skills fair.</p> <p>10. Discuss each CAUTI case to determine lessons learned.</p>
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Other Identified Events:

Active TB, unknown at time of admission

1. All patients with signs and symptoms or questionable TB disease may be placed on airborne isolation by nursing without a physician’s order per airborne isolation policy.
2. Re-education of nursing and physicians mandatory ED assessment for potential TB.

Notification of Community Acquired Infections

1. Continue to utilize admit alert system and communicate with nursing and outside facilities as needed when patient admitted with a community acquired infection.

Outbreak

1. Monitor daily surveillance for any unusual organisms or clusters of organisms.
2. Initiate infection control measures based on CDC or other evidence-based recommendations.
2. Consult with Florida Department of Health as necessary.
3. Educate healthcare staff on organism identified in outbreak and measures to prevent spread of further infections.
4. Utilize Outbreak procedure policy during any outbreak identified.
5. Report clusters/outbreaks to necessary stakeholders and committees.

Notification of Internal HAIs

1. Continue to utilize admit alert system and communicate with internal departments and bed control as needed when patient is admitted or transferred in the hospital with an MDRO.
2. Utilize HAS report system to track and trend occurrences and follow up with managers and conduct education as needed.

COVID -19

1. Continue to utilize admit alert system and communicate with internal departments and bed control as needed when patient is admitted or transferred in the hospital with positive COVID -19.
2. Initiate infection control measures based on CDC or other evidence-based recommendations.
3. Consult with Florida Department of Health as necessary.
4. Continued education.
5. PPE supplies.
6. IP rounds facility wide to ensure compliance with PPE.
7. Include COVID status during reviews of mortality cases.
8. Contact tracing (inpatients).

Healthcare Worker Risks

Goal #2: Reduction of healthcare worker risk of infection secondary to injury and/or exposure.

*Pareto Analysis reveals non-compliance with hand hygiene and failure to follow protocols and use safety devices or PPE

as the two top highest risk for healthcare worker related risks. The rest of the top 5 risks identified in the Pareto analysis non-compliance with seasonal flu immunization, employee knowledge deficit of disease transmission, sharps injuries, and failure to recognize employee outbreak. All risks to healthcare workers are followed by both Employee Health and Epidemiology.

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Plan</i>	<i>Benchmark</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Methodology</i>
Non-compliance with hand hygiene	All employees , physicians, students, volunteers	Strive for 100% of hand hygiene compliance .	BHN target: 90% or greater	IP Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor compliance in all areas of hospital. 2. Hand Hygiene Poster campaign Compliance reported at monthly IPCC. 3. Just in time education and reinforcement 4. Hand Hygiene education at New Hire Orientation 5. LEAPFROG Hand Hygiene: “Hand hygiene compliance data on at least 200 hand hygiene opportunities each month in each patient care unit” Added to each unit PMR and to be reported to IC committee. 6. LEAPFROG Hand Hygiene: “Hospital conducts audits of the volume of alcohol-based hand sanitizers that is delivered with each activation of a wall mounted dispenser (manual and automated) on a

					<p>sample of dispensers in your patient care unit at all of the following times- upon installation, whenever the brand of product/system changes and whenever adjustments are made to the dispensers.”</p> <p>7.LEAPFROG Hand Hygiene “Quarterly audits are conducted on a sample of dispensers in your patient care units to ensure that the process is followed- refill paper towels, soap dispensers, and alcohol based hand sanitizers dispensers when they are empty or near empty, replace batteries in automated paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers, and alcohol based hand sanitizer dispensers (if automated dispensers are used in the patient care units)</p>
Non-compliance with seasonal flu immunization	All employees , physicians, students, volunteers	Increase compliance by 10% each year until 90% goal of 2021.	BHN target 68%.	IP EH Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate with corporate on plan on influenza vaccination including mandatory masking and health insurance incentive. 2. Educate personnel on

					<p>importance of immunization during rounds, general orientation, and nursing orientation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Provide onsite influenza vaccination to all staff at no cost. 4. Flu vaccine declination forms must be signed. Physician documentation for contraindication. 5. Administration support 6. Close monitoring of vendor compliance with seasonal flu immunization and other mandatory requirements
Failure to follow protocols and use safety devices or PPE	All employees , physicians, students, volunteers	Increase compliance of following protocol and use of safety devices or PPE	BHN target: 90%	IP EH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IP rounds to reinforce protocols, use of safety devices, proper PPE. 2. Revised isolation signs to standardize with rest of Broward Health. Signs to include new recommendations for transport of patients on isolation as well as PPE requirements in 3 different languages.

Sharps Injuries	All employees , physicians, students, volunteers	Increase compliance of following protocol and use of sharp objects to prevent injuries	BHN target: 90%	IP EOC EH	1. Education by Employee Health at New Hire Orientation 2. EH to monitor
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Other Identified Events:

Sharps Injuries

1. Sharps injuries monitored by Employee Health. EH Continue to monitor and report to IPCC and EOC.

Non- compliance with standard precautions

1. Continue to educate nursing at orientation and periodically on standard precautions according to policy.

Employee Knowledge Deficit of Disease Transmission and Prevention

1. Coordinate with Clinical Education on utilization of the Need-2-know forum.
2. Continue to present relevant education on disease transmission in nursing orientation.
3. Provide real time education with rationale.

Failure to recognize employee outbreak.

1. Utilize HAS reports with risk management, Patient and Medication Safety meeting, and Nurse Practice Council to address any staph infection control issues.
2. IP rounds daily to talk with staff.
3. Daily surveillance and MedMined analysis.

Delay in Proper Isolation Precautions

1. Patients placed on precautions by nursing, but it has been observed that there are times where there is no order for precautions in the patient’s chart. Infection Prevention and Clinical Education to educate all nursing on the need to place order for precautions in the computer system.
2. Daily review of isolation log. Will educate nursing on a case-by-case basis on the requirements for precautions.

Annual fit testing not completed.

1. Coordinate with Employee Health

Community

Goal # 3: Reduction of community risk.

*Pareto analysis reveals long term care patients constitute the highest risk percent for community related risks. The rest of the top 5 risks identified in the Pareto Analysis were community acquired MDROs, emerging Infectious Disease, Hemorrhagic Fever, bioterrorism,

and Seasonal Flu. All risks from the community are evaluated and Epidemiology works closely with the Health Department.

Indicator	Population	Plan	Benchmark	Team	Methodology
Long term patients	All patients	BHN has nearby high admitting SNFs.	Length of stay	IP Nursing Case management Physicians	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any infections identified communicate with manager and discussed at weekly huddle. 2. Active surveillance for incoming patients includes blood and urine cultures as indicated.
Community acquired MDRO	All patients	Identify community onset infections for prompt isolation. Placing patients on transmission-based precautions.	BHN target: 90%	IP Nursing Physicians Case management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification of patients through daily surveillance admitted with MDROs and alert tab. 2. Assess staff need for education. 3. Active surveillance for CRE in international patients who were hospitalized >48 hours. 4. Communication with SNF and LTC admitters. Education for staff and physicians about HO and CO CDIFF and MRSA bacteremia to catch

					community onset MDRO.
Emerging infectious disease/other epidemics/influx of infectious patients	All patients	BHN will be prepared for an emerging infectious disease or influx of infectious patients.	EM Drills 100%	IP ED EP Nursing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue utilizing infectious disease screening tool for all patients during triage to screen for all potentially infectious patients. 2. Work with Emergency Preparedness in drills and PPE training for emerging infectious diseases. 3. Communicate with the Florida Department of Health as necessary. 4. Continue with established drills and EM updates and education.
Seasonal flu and pandemic flu	All patients	BHN will offer influenza vaccination to all qualified patients.	BHN target 88%	IP Nursing Quality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inpatients vaccinated during flu season per Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) protocol unless contraindicated. 3. Patients with influenza placed on Droplet isolation precautions per policy.

					4. If pandemic flu, work with Florida Department of Health and Emergency Preparedness.
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Other Identified Events

Displaced person

1. Work with case management and social services to assist in timely discharge of patients with hospital acquired infections or multi drug resistant organisms as needed.

Active TB admissions

1. Continue to follow IC TB Plan.

HIV/AIDS

1. Continue to work with Florida Department of Health as necessary.

Bioterrorism/Ebola and Hemorrhagic Fever Diseases

1. Work with Emergency Preparedness with drills and PPE training.
2. Communicate with Florida Department of Health as necessary.
3. Continue with established drills and EM updates and education.

Flood

1. Work with Emergency Preparedness.
2. Yearly hurricane drills.

Waterborne Outbreak

1. Work with facilities and consultant to identify risks in water management system.
2. Utilize CDC Legionella risk assessment.

Report to Florida Department of Health as necessary.

Food Associated Outbreaks

1. Adhere to established outbreak policy and procedure for outbreak management.
2. Continue to report positive cultures to Florida Department of Health.

Environmental Risks

Goal #4: Reduction of environmental risk.

*Pareto analysis reveals improper sterilization of equipment and improper disinfection of equipment (high level disinfection) as the highest risk. The remaining risks identified in the Pareto Analysis were: inadequate supplies of PPE, improper Sharps handling, Improper Disinfection of Equipment (low level disinfection) , improper cleaning of the environment, Improper Handling of Biohazard waste, Inadequate pre-construction IC planning and Risk Assessment and Inadequate compliance with pre-construction IC planning and Risk Assessment.

Indicator	Population	Plan	Benchmark	Team	Methodology
Improper environmental cleaning	EVS staff	Compliance with proper cleaning protocols and products.	BHN target: 90%	EVS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partnership with epidemiology and EVS. 2. EVS maintains pivotal role in Infection Prevention and Control Committee.
Improper sharps handling	All staff	Reduce incidence of employee injury due to improper sharps handling.	BHN target: 90%	All employees	Education at general orientation by EH and Epi.
Improper disinfection of equipment	All staff	Compliance with proper disinfection protocols and products.	BHN target: 90%	All employees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IP rounds and educates on PDI wipe products. 2. Education on hospital approved disinfectants in general orientation, nursing orientation, in-services, during rounding
Improper handling of biohazardous waste	All staff	Reduce misuse of red bag biohazard waste	BHN target: 90%	All employees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EOC rounds to check biohazard waste. 2. DOH inspections.
Inadequate compliance with IC Preconstruction	All staff	Compliance	BHN target: 90%	Contracted staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily rounds on preparation of Construction area. 2. Report findings to Facilities Manager/Project Director. 3. Facilities to report all ICRA project to

					Infection Control Committee. 4. Facilities to report to Infection Control committee compliance with ICRA.
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Other Identified Events

Improper Sterilization or High-Level Disinfection of Equipment

1. Central processing department to monitor biological pass/fail. Monthly report sent to IC. IC to be identified immediately of failed biological. Procedure for failed biological to be carried out per policy.
2. Central processing to report monthly to IC the compliance with the following:
 - a. STERIS automated washer/disinfector machine
 - The VERIFY All clean washer indicator strips are placed on every level (3 strips)
 - The VERIFY All clean washer indicator strips are clear/no evidence of soil (3 strips)
 - b. STERIS Ultrasonic machine
 - The VERIFY ultrasonic indicator is placed on 5 areas (5 indicators)
 - The VERIFY ultrasonic indicators are clear/no evidence of soil (5 indicators)
3. Immediate use steam sterilization report sent monthly to Infection Control by Central Processing Department (will include use of 1 Tray)
4. Infection Control to investigate any cases reported regarding improper sterilization.
5. Locations of HLD in house:
 - a. Trophon EPR for high level disinfection (HLD) of vaginal probes.
 - b. Steris Resert for HLD of TEE probes and specific types of video laryngoscope parts.
 - c. Olympus automatic endoscope reprocessing (AER) for endoscopes and bronchoscopes.
 - d. CMA (ED)

Failure of Negative Pressure Ventilation

1. Adhere to existing process for failure of negative pressure ventilation. Refer to Infection Control Policy # 21 *Isolation Room Checks*.
2. Facilities to report monthly to IC the compliance with monthly temperature, humidity, and air pressure in surgical environment per standards.
3. Facilities to report monthly to IC, the airborne isolation monthly report.

Inadequate Supplies of PPE:

1. Materials management responsible for par levels of PPE for each nursing unit.

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- Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI)
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