



Standard operating procedure

Infection control and prevention SOP

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Infection prevention and control (IPC) is a practical, evidence-based approach preventing patients and health workers from being harmed by avoidable infections.

To ensure safety, standard infection control precautions (SICPs) are to be used by all workers for all people whether infection is known to be present or not. SICPs are the basic IPC measures necessary to reduce the risk of spreading pathogens.

These basic IPC measures are:

- hand hygiene
- respiratory and cough hygiene
- PPE
- safe management of care equipment
- safe management of the environment
- management of blood and body fluid spills
- waste management
- management of exposure

AIMS: -

Equipment and workplace cleaning procedures for the workplace to help prevent the growth of harmful bacteria the spread of infection

STAFF RESPONSIBLE

PNs; TRNs; GPs; GPRs HEALTH NAVIGATION & ADMIN TEAMS

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Daily Cleaning	Responsibility	Method
Examination couch - Clinell wipe	Clinician	Covering should be intact. Wipe daily and inbetween patients with universal wipes and between patient use. Blood/body fluid splashes should be cleaned immediately with hypochlorite solution
Dressing trolleys - Clinell wipe	Clinician	Wipe clean with universal wipes after each patient use
Furniture and fittings	Clinician & Domestic staff	Should be in good repair and all coverings intact. Wipe with universal wipes (contracted cleaning company responsible). If known contamination, wash with hypochlorite solution.
Keyboard and Mouse s - Clinell wipe	User Responsibility	Wipe over of Keyboard and mouse at end of the day- universal wipes
Blood pressure cuffs s - Clinell wipe	Clinician	Wipe clean between patients with universal wipes and use of disposable cuff liners for 24hour ABPM

Weekly Cleaning	Responsibility	Method
Spirometer	Clinician	Weekly - recorded on audit. cleaning of filter and log – See cleaning SOP
Walls and ceilings	Domestic staff	Wash with detergent and water periodically to control dust (especially in minor surgery room) and when visibly soiled. Responsibility of contracted cleaning company. Splashes of blood, urine or known contaminated material should be cleaned promptly with hypochlorite solution
Fridges seals	Nurse recording weekly bullet data	The inside and outside door seals of the medical fridges are to be cleaned with universal wipes. Recorded on Aduit

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6 Monthly	Responsibility	Method
Curtains	Clinicians and stocks/stores lead	Treatment room 6 monthly curtain change - audited

Annual cleaning	Responsibility	Method
Curtains	Clinicians and stocks/stores lead	Change annually – see spreadsheet Y:\Health&Safety\Infection control\Infection control audits\infection control-curtains

Single use	Responsibility	Method
Airways and endotracheal tubes	Clinician	Yellow bag
Auroscope ear piece	Clinician	Yellow bag
Oxygen & nebuliser masks	Clinician	Yellow bag
Nebulizer tubing	Clinician	Yellow bag
Needles - Dispose of as one unit into sharps bin	Clinician	Sharps bin
Sputum container	Clinician	Yellow bag
Syringes	Clinician	Yellow bag
Thermometre cover	Clinician	Yellow bag
Placebo inhalers and spacer	Clinician	Yellow bag
Vomit bowl and reciever	Clinician	Yellow bag
urine collection pot	Clinician	Yellow bag
Disposable torniquet	Clinician	Yellow bag
Peak flow mouthpiece	Clinician	Yellow bag

Clean after use	Responsibility	Mehtod
Thermometer	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Reuseable torniquet	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Blood glucose machine	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Sats probe	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Foot stool	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Scales	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Peak flow	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Auroscope	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Tendon Hammer	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Crockery	Individual	Washing up liquid and hot water
ECG	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Ear irrigator	Clinician	See separate SOP - Y Drive
Stehoscope	Clinician	Clinell wipe
Nebulisers	Clinician	Clinell wipe - filters to be changed as per manufactueres guidelines

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