

INFECTION CONTROL NURSE

Job Description

This position is supervised by the Chief Quality Management Officer. This position serves as the Infection Control/Employee Health Nurse and directs the establishment and operations of the Infection Control and Employee Health Program and works closely with facility leadership to promote a culture of safety throughout the facility. The purpose of this position is to provide for the overall development, implementation, coordination and direction of the Infection Control and Employee Health Program. This position requires licensure as a Registered Nurse and experience as stated in CMS Regulations.

- Organizes, directs, and implements the Infection Control Program in accordance with current rules, regulations, and guidelines that govern such requirements in the Service
- Evaluates all areas in the facility and develops, updates, and maintains infection control precautions, aseptic techniques, and policies and procedures that successfully correct problem areas; Evaluates selection and use of disinfectants and antiseptic
- Assesses patients' status by chart review or observation; provides the Infection Control Committee and Administration with written and oral reports concerning all Nosocomial Infections within the facility; Calculates rates or ratios and applies an epidemiological approach to problem
- Monitors procedures for disposal and removal of infected and contaminated material from the facility in conjunction with Housekeeping, Facility Management and organization Safety Director.
- Develops Performance Improvement mechanisms for Infection Control and prepares quarterly and annual
- Develops standards policies, and guidelines, to ensure that they are in compliance with federal, state, and other regulatory
- Holds Infection Control meetings at least
- Monitors and documents surveillance/ performance improvements activities to endure compliance with the standards. The incumbent:
- Makes regularly scheduled and impromptu rounds of medical units and other departments to observe aseptic techniques/standard
- Participates in "continuous survey readiness rounds," ensuring staff is up-to-date and compliant with infection control standards, checks quality control programs in each
- Collaborates with other departments in the hospital's performance improvement activities as related to the IC/EH

- Maintains records, collects data, and handles correspondence pertinent to the Infection Control/Employee Health
- Analyzes data from surveillance reports for trending.
- Initiates appropriate action when necessary to protect patients, visitors, and staff.
- Maintains and updates the Infection Control/Employee Health Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Participates in the orientation of new hospital employee to the Infection Control Program.
- Assists all services in integrating applicable infection control principles into their ongoing education programs.
- Maintains Employee Health folders on all full time and temporary employees.

Job Type: Full-time