

8.1.3 (QIM) Describe the standard Infection Control Policy and the practices followed by the Institution within 500 word.

HOSPITAL INFECTION CONTROL (HIC)

➤ **The Hospital Infection Control (HIC) Manual**

The Hospital Infection Control (HIC) Manual for Small Healthcare Organizations (SHCOs) is a Reference guide containing policies as well as procedures to prevent infection among patients and staff. Hospital acquired infections are defined as infections acquired during or as a result of hospitalization. Any patient who develops an infection after 48 hours of hospitalization is considered to have Hospital Acquired Infection (HAI).

The purpose is to help best possible infection control measures.

➤ **Aim**

- The aim of Hospital Infection Control committee is to improve hospital infection control practices and to prevent or minimize the potential for nosocomial infections in patients, relatives, and health care providers.

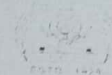
It will be reviewed and updated at regular intervals by the HICC

➤ **ORGANIZATION OF INFECTION CONTROL**

The control of healthcare associated infections (HAI) as an important issue and is committed to fulfilling its responsibility by ensuring that proper safeguards are instituted to identify and prevent HAI. All aspects of hospital function are included in this activity.

➤ **Definition of Healthcare associated infection**

Any clinically recognizable microbiological disease that affects the patient as a consequence as being admitted to hospital, or attending for treatment, or the hospital staff as a consequence of their work, whether or not the symptoms of a disease appear while the infected person is in the hospital.



Hospital Infection Control Committee Members:

- Medical superintendent
- Infection control medical officer
- Medical officer
- Infection Control Nurse
- House Keeping Supervisor
- HOD of pathology Dept./Pathologist
- Pharmacy incharge

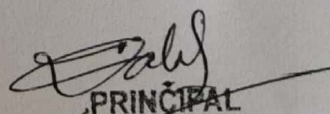
1.4 Hospital Infection Control team

- Infection control medical officer
- Infection control nurse
- Lab Incharge
- Pharmacy incharge
- Medical officer

ACTIVITIES OF INFECTION CONTROL TEAM

- The hospital has an infection control team, which coordinates implementation of all infection prevention and control activities. The team is responsible for day-to-day functioning of infection control program.
- Periodical training of all category staff about Infection Control Protocols and Policies.
- Introduce new policies and protocols on the method of disinfection and sterilization.
- Maintain and implement biomedical waste management protocols.
- Regular monitoring of Engineering department and water supply system.

Supervision of biomedical waste management activities


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