

Infection Preventionist Lunch and Learn

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Series Objectives

- Encourage learning, growth, and networking
- Provide non-regulatory education and information
- Discuss topics relevant to new infection preventionists (IPs)

CDC's Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Safe Healthcare Delivery in All Settings

AT A GLANCE

Core Infection Prevention and Control Practices for Healthcare

CDC Core Practices

Introduction

Adherence to infection prevention and control practices is essential to providing safe and high quality patient care across all settings where healthcare is delivered

This document concisely describes a core set of infection prevention and control practices that are required in all healthcare settings, regardless of the type of healthcare provided. The practices were selected from among existing CDC recommendations and are the subset that represent fundamental standards of care that are not expected to change based on emerging evidence or to be regularly altered by changes in technology or practices, and are applicable across the continuum of healthcare settings. The practices outlined in this document are intended to serve as a standard reference and reduce the need to repeatedly evaluate practices that are considered basic and accepted as standards of medical care. Readers should consult the full texts of CDC healthcare infection control guidelines for background, rationale, and related infection prevention recommendations for more comprehensive information.

Scope

The core practices in this document should be implemented in all settings where healthcare is delivered. These venues include both

Leadership Support

- Ensure leadership is accountable for success.
- Allocate sufficient resources to IPC activities.
- Assign one or more qualified, trained individuals to manage IPC program.
- Empower and support those managing IPC activities.

Education and Training

- Provide job-specific IPC education and training.
- Develop processes to ensure staff understand and are competent to adhere to IPC practices.
- Provide written IPC policies.
- Provide appropriate IPC education to patients, family members, visitors, and others.

Performance Monitoring and Feedback

- Train staff to identify and monitor IPC adherence.
- Provide feedback on observations.
- Use standardized tools and definitions.
- Monitor incidence of infections related to care at the facility.

Standard Precautions

Practices that apply to:

- All patient and resident care, regardless of suspected or confirmed infection.
- All settings where health care is delivered.

Transmission -Based Precautions

- Contact precautions
- Droplet precautions
- Airborne precautions

Invasive Medical Devices

- Assess the necessity of any invasive medical device.
- Identify the earliest opportunity for removal.
- Ensure proper insertion and maintenance practices.

Employee Health

- Required and recommended vaccinations
- Illness policies
- Return to work guidance
- Adhere to federal and state standards

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IP Starter Kit



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Upcoming Lunch and Learn Session

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Topic: Preparing for Emerging Diseases and Outbreaks