

Policy and Procedure Infection Control

POLICY:

Hospital health care staff members implement infection control procedures, as appropriate.

PURPOSE:

- ❖ To control the spread of infection
- ❖ To protect individuals from transmission of communicable and/or infectious diseases.

PROCEDURE:

- 1) Hospital health care staff members implement infection control procedure with regard to clients, staff and their environment.
- 2) Client infection control procedures include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a) frequent hand washing with soap and water by hospital staff members before and
 - b) after the provision of direct patient care
 - c) appropriate patient wound and skin dressing techniques, including the wearing of gloves
 - d) appropriate handling and disposal of waste products
 - e) maintenance of foley catheter
- 3) Hospital health care staff member infection control procedures include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a) frequent hand washing by hospital staff member:
 - i) before and after provision of direct patient care
 - ii) before working in kitchen
 - iii) after handling soiled or contaminated materials
 - iv) after going to the bathroom
 - b) covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
 - c) covering open sores or cuts on fingers or hand with clean bandages
 - d) utilizing personal leave days when ill
- 4) Environmental infection control procedures include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a) maintain a clean work environment for example, by maintaining clean counter, tables, and shelves where food is stored
 - b) keeping clean and dirty items separate
 - c) using sterile items that are not outdated
 - d) keeping patient's environment clean, neat, and orderly
 - e) instructions to family on regularly cleaning patients supplies, such as commodes, bedpans, urinals, suction machines, and measuring containers.
- 5) Hospital health care staff members provide information to clients regarding infection control principles and procedures as appropriate.
- 6) Each nurse is responsible for reading and signing policy on Universal Precautions.

Signature: _____

Date: _____