

## Infection Control Nurse

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Company: American Hospital Uae

Location: dubai

Category: other-general

Supports staff in the care of patients with infection and collaborates with multidisciplinary care givers in revising treatment regimens. Demonstrates problem solving / critical thinking skills ensuring effective functioning of job performance. Assesses the educational needs of staff related to infection control and prevention, and assists in providing educational programs for staff in coordination with the unit nurse manager/designee. Teaches, supports, coaches and mentors nursing staff to promote evidence-based practice, knowledge, skills, and professional development related to infection control and prevention. Liaises with hospital departments in monitoring standards of care relating to infection control and prevention. Reviews appropriate policies, procedures and updates according to evidence based, best practices Participates in unit/departmental meetings and committees/projects as required. Chairs the Infection Control link meetings and guides the link workers on best practices in infection control and prevention. Performs additional duties when required. Reports modifiable diseases to the Ministry and Department of Health/DHA thus ensuring American Hospital Dubai compliance with National health directives. Liaises with and updates the Physicians and multidisciplinary team for any significant changes in the plan of care of infections. Takes part in the nursing orientation to orient about infection control services. Assesses staff's skills for wound care management and provides additional training as needed. Demonstrates knowledge of and the ability to render care and services based on needs, age appropriateness and developmental stage of patients. Performs infection control management in accordance with established standards, policies and procedures and best practice guidelines. Maintains accurate and thorough documentation following established

standards. Conducts on-going surveillance using Center of Disease Control (CDC) criteria. Documents and investigates nosocomial infections through review of admission diagnosis, microbiology culture results, isolation orders, patient records, consultation requests and post-discharge surveillance. Conducts environmental rounds in all in-patient and out-patient care areas. Collect data on the incidence of selected device use in identified intensive care units. Participates in investigations of unusual hospital infections outbreaks utilizing the microbiology laboratory, consultation with Infectious Diseases Physician, Department of Health and report epidemiologically significant findings to appropriate customers. Provides input in the selection of Quality measures related to infection control and collects and analyses data accordingly. Reports all in-house patients with communicable disease to the health department and maintains appropriate records. Compiles and interprets surveillance reports to Infection Control committee, specialty areas and executive medical committee on a regular basis. Receives, collates and formats surveillance data into managerial reports and disseminates information to all end users. Acts as an advisory resource on Infection Control issues for Nursing Administration, In-patient and Out-patient Departments. Develops a close working relationship with all clinical staff in order to promote a consistent and collaborative approach to Infection Control including the Purchasing Department thereby ensuring that the Infection Control Nurse is consulted prior to the purchase of equipment/consumables which may have impact on patient care. Monitors and evaluates isolation, aseptic and patient care techniques in order to maintain optimum care to patients and safeguards American Hospital staff. Develops and updates isolation techniques and procedures in accordance with current standards of practice, rules and regulations. Makes recommendations regarding construction, renovation, environmental rounds, and assures compliance with national and/or professional standards. Maintains current knowledge of recent advances in Infection Control both international and local issues, promoting evidence-based practice at all times. Disseminates information as appropriate. Initiates new programs of education and training to facilitate changes in practice. In collaboration with units and departments, participates in the assessment of the equipment, techniques, products etc., in relation to Infection Control, making recommendations for specific education and training. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor Degree in Nursing (duration not less than three academic years) Post Graduate Degree or Diploma/Certificate of approved Infection Control course is preferable.

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