

## **IDENTIFYING, REPORTING, INVESTIGATING, AND CONTROLLING INFECTIONS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES OF PATIENTS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To provide a system with specific measures for prevention, early detection, control, education and investigation of infections and communicable disease at \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital.

### **II. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. The hospital will have a mechanism to evaluate the system and take corrective action.
- B. The system will be facility wide.

### **III. NURSING ACTION**

- A. The system will start with admission of the patient. Infection Control Patient Log form is initiated at patient's admission. This includes the patient's chart number, type of service and will later include the dismissal date.
- B. The Infection Control chairperson or his/her designee will note the area of infection, (GI, genital, respiratory, soft tissue, urinary, bacteremia and no infection) on the Infection Control Patient Log.
- C. The Infection Control chairperson or his/her designee will follow course of antibiotic therapy and review culture and sensitivity if done. Results of culture will be documented on the Patient Infection Review Form. Antibiotic administered will also be documented on the Patient Infection Review Form.
- D. Culture and sensitivity results received by the lab.
  - 1. Lab employees will call and notify ordering physician of a positive report when received.
  - 2. Lab employees will copy and route to Infection Control chairperson or his/her designee each culture result (positive and negative).
- E. Infection Control chairperson or his/her designee will make follow-up call to physician on each positive result to ensure physician has received the report and reviewed patients antibiotic therapy.
- F. Each culture and sensitivity result (positive and negative) will be attached to the Infection Control record.
- G. The Infection Control chairperson or his/her designee will review discharge instructions and medications prescribed.
- H. The monthly Report of Infection Form will be completed.
- I. The number of community acquired and nosocomial infections will be reviewed at monthly medical staff and Infection Control Committee meetings.

