

## **Infection control standard (version3)**

### **STANDARD**

- The licensee must develop and implement an effective facility-wide program for the surveillance, prevention and control of infection.

#### **This Standard is not satisfied unless:**

- An Infection Control Management Plan for the facility is developed and implemented which:
  - states the objectives of the Plan;
  - identifies, and assesses, all the infection risks specific to the facility which the licensee knows, or ought reasonably to know, exist or might exist;
  - states the particulars of training for persons who provide services at the facility that involve infection control risks;
  - states how the licensee proposes to monitor and review the implementation and effectiveness of the Plan.
- The Infection Control Management Plan contains written policies and associated procedures, having regard to the infection risks identified in the Plan, which are consistent with the Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare (2010) published by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and relate to:
  - the use of “standard precautions” and “additional precautions” within the meaning of those terms in the NHMRC Guidelines;
  - isolation protocols and screenings to control infectious organisms within the facility;
  - the management of patients and health care workers who are known, or suspected, to be infected with contagious or highly transmissible pathogens;
  - the collection of information relating to infection rates, infection trends and other infection control information;
  - environmental cleaning;
  - infection control risks associated with all purchases must be evaluated.
- A multidisciplinary infection control committee is established which has the function of monitoring, and annually reviewing, the Infection Control Management Plan.
- An ongoing infection control education program is conducted at the facility.

#### **References:**

- Queensland Health, Disinfection and Sterilization Infection Control Guidelines.
- AS/NZS 4187:2014 Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organizations.
- AS ISO 8828:2015 Implants for surgery – Care and handling of orthopaedic implants.