

Organization of infection control committee:

- 1- Hospital director as chairman
- 2- Chief of Infection control team (Microbiology staff)
- 3- Chiefs of all the major clinical departments
- 4- Chief Nurse.
- 5- Chief Pharmacist.
- 6- Head of the maintenance and cleaning department.
- 7- Director of Central Sterile Supply Department.

Functions of infection control committee:

- 1- Implementation of infection control policies
- 2- Supervision of standards of professional care in regards to infection
- 3- Education and orientation program for professional staff.
- 4- Surveillance of hospital acquired infections
- 5- Surveillance of staff health
- 6- Standards of hospital domestic cleaning and food services hygiene
- 7- Management of visitors in isolation circumstances
- 8- Matters of general hospital organization and purchasing where these may affect infection control.
- 9- Establishment and supervision of infection control team.
- 10- Submit an activity report and statistical data to the central committee every 6 months.

Functions of infection control team:

- 1- Detects and investigates hospital acquired infections
- 2- Investigation of environmental problems related to hospital infections
- 3- Detects community acquired infections in the hospital and refers them to the appropriate authority follow-up.
- 4- Prompts initiation by physicians of hospitals infection report
- 5- Take-up necessary follow-up measures of NCI cases after discharge including periodic laboratory monitoring
- 6- Assists in the development and review of infection control procedures to be forwarded to the central committee annually
- 7- Monitoring of hospital policy compliance on isolation procedures
- 8- Development and implementation of employees in service orientation program related to infection control
- 9- Monitoring the effectiveness of infection control program
- 10-Organizing employees health programs
- 11-Guiding and monitoring of hospital infection through the cleaning company, catering agency, water supply department and other environmental agencies.

Functions of the infection control officer:

- 1- Supervise the nursing officers
- 2- Liaise with the chairman of ICC and Microbiology technician.
- 3- Must be able to make day to day decisions on infection control within the guidelines of the infection control manual
- 4- All duties of the nursing officers are under his responsibility
- 5- Provide continual up to date patterns of antibiotic resistance with the Microbiology technician.
- 6- Have detailed knowledge of the infection control policies in the hospital

Functions of the infection control nurse:

- 1- Checking wards and clinics to detect and record hospital acquired infections
- 2- Investigation of hospital based infection to determine if inadequate procedures may have contributed
- 3- In conjunction with the technical officer, to purchase apparent incidents of cross infection
- 4- Surveillance of isolation procedures.

- 5- Surveillance of nursing practices where they are related to infection, e.g., sterile techniques.
- 6- Monitoring of food hygiene and health of food handling staff.
- 7- Monitoring collection and disposal of infected wastes.
- 8- Conduct education programs in infection control for all new nursing and paramedical staff, in conjunction with the medical and technical officers
- 9- Preparation of infection control statistics for infection control committee.