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# *Organization and Functions of Infection Control Committee in Emergency Hospital*

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# **Hospital Infection Control Committee**

## **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.

# Infection control team in Emergency Hospital

## Organization of infection control team:

- 1- Chief of infection control team
  - Prof. Mohammad El Farrash
- 2- Infection control team.
  - Dr. Mona El Hadidy
  - Tamer Bedir
  - Amr El Sapagh
  - Ahmad Taha
  - Mona Abd El Hamid
- 3- Infection control nurse (ICN): **minimum of one fulltime nurse for 200-250 beds.**
- 4- Microbiology technician
- 5- Health inspector (when appropriate)

## 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.

