

SUBJECT: INFECTION CONTROL PRACTITIONER	REFERENCE #109
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INTRODUCTION:

An Infection Control Practitioner shall be appointed by the Infection Control Committee.

This employee shall have:

- Specific education in infection prevention and control with emphasis on Microbiology and Epidemiology.
- Observational and organizational skills.
- A minimum of one (1) year of experience in an acute care medical hospital setting.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Conduct daily surveillance of patient care areas to identify potential environmental infection risk areas.
- Conducts daily surveillance of patient information in the medical records for diagnosis of infection, as well as any pertinent laboratory tests that have been done.
- In conjunction with the Charge Nurses, ensures the notification of the Internist of patients exposed to an infectious or communicable disease during the PHF admission.
- Acts a consultant to nursing staff that may have any questions about the treatment plan of any patient being treated for infection.
- Maintains close communication with PHF Management Team RE: patient care, employee health and environmental issues that require action plans or resolution.
- Keeps accurate records of all on-going patient care and environmental problems.
- Compiles statistics on infections, community acquired infections, nosocomial infections, sites of infections, causative organisms, antibiotic prescribed.
- Receives data from the Program and Nurse Manager regarding pertinent PHF personnel sick leave usage patterns.
- Prepares a quarterly infection surveillance report and submits it to the Infection Control Committee.
- Serves on the Infection Control Committee.
- Assists in the management and follow-up of action plans identified by the Infection Control Committee.
- Monitors Staff Training in Infection Control In-Services that are offered on-line starting July 1, 2007 in the topics of Engineering and Work Practice Controls, Mechanism of Infection Transmission, Universal Precautions, Personal Protective Equipment and Barriers, TB testing, Hepatitis and selected other related subjects.
- Stays current on new developments in Infection Control by attending, whenever possible, educational seminars and by reviewing current related literature.