

IC2:1100 Infection Control Program Evaluation

1.0 PURPOSE

Infection control program evaluation helps to measure outcomes, such as the attainment of goals and objectives, trend analysis and program effectiveness and provides the opportunity to identify program elements that need to be improved.

2.0 DEFINITION

Evaluation is the assessment of the degree of success in meeting the annual goals and expected results of the program as identified by the facility committees.

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1 A formal program review and evaluation should be completed of the elements of the infection control program to measure outcomes, such as the attainment of goals and objectives, trend analysis and program effectiveness.
- 3.2 Each facility will need to identify goals and objectives for the program and determine which elements of the program will be evaluated.
- 3.3 An Infection Control Program Evaluation Checklist is provided as a sample of some of the key areas for each element of the infection control program that may need to be evaluated to continually improve the overall effectiveness of the program (see IC2:1100, pg 2). The checklist could also be used as a trigger to identify areas for evaluation for each element. It is expected that the checklist be adapted to meet your needs.
- 3.4 The frequency of the evaluation process and the person/team responsible should be determined by the facility leadership. It is important that it be carried out on a regular basis. It is recommended that an evaluation be conducted at least annually.
- 3.5 Suggested methods to evaluate include: employee interviews, competencies, observation of work practices, education/training records, a walk through of areas and data compiled

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from activities related to the various elements of the program.

- 3.6 Communicate results of the evaluation process to the infection control committee, employees, and leadership team for continual improvement.

SEE IC2: 0110 APPENDIX I EVALUATION CHECKLIST