



Australian Government

HLTINF006 Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to apply basic infection prevention and control principles in work settings including implementing standard and transmission-based precautions and responding to risks.

This unit applies to individuals working in a range of industry and work setting contexts.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

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| 1. Identify the role of infection prevention and control in the work setting. | 1.1. Identify standards and guidelines relevant to own role and work setting.
1.2. Identify infection risks and hazards associated with own role and work setting.
1.3. Identify roles and responsibilities of self and others in relation to infection prevention and control.
1.4. Identify control measures to minimise risk in accordance with relevant national standards and guidelines.
1.5. Communicate effectively with others in relation to risk management.
1.6. Record identified risks and risk management strategies within scope of own role. |
| 2. Follow standard and transmission-based precautions for infection prevention and control in the work setting. | 2.1. Implement personal hygiene practices in the work setting.
2.2. Practice hand hygiene in accordance with national standards and guidelines.
2.3. Follow current national standards and guidelines for selection and correct use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) as required. |

- 2.4. Follow procedures for environmental cleaning and management of waste.
- 2.5. Identify and respond to situations where transmission-based precautions or enhanced cleaning is required.
3. Respond to potential and actual exposure to infection risks within scope of own role.
 - 3.1. Identify, respond to and communicate potential or actual risk of, or breach in, infection control.
 - 3.2. Assess the risk and take appropriate immediate action in accordance with industry and organisational guidelines.
 - 3.3. Communicate any breach in infection control and risk management strategies in place to the supervisor, manager or responsible authority and seek advice on actions required following a breach in infection control.
 - 3.4. Implement control measures to minimise contamination of people, materials and equipment.
 - 3.5. Follow processes for management of spills and exposure to blood or body fluids.
 - 3.6. Document incidents and responses and report according to organisational policies and procedures.
 - 3.7. Ensure all records, materials and equipment are stored in a designated clean area.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTINF001 Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>