

Environment of Care

This domain performs a comprehensive assessment of the environment of care practices at your facility as it currently functions.

Construction, Renovation, Demolition, and Repair Program

1a - Does the facility have a multidisciplinary team to coordinate demolition, construction, and renovation projects?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

1b - Is the IP a member of this team?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

2 - Is the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) program involved in new construction design to ensure sufficient environmental infection prevention practices are implemented?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

3a - Does the facility have policies and standard operating procedures related to construction, renovation, maintenance, demolition, and repair?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

3b - What is included in the construction renovation, maintenance, demolition, and repair policy and procedures as it pertains to infection prevention and control?

- Required barrier measures
- Terminal cleaning after project completion
- At-risk population procedures- if applicable
- Contingency plans for exposures from construction
- Return air procedures
- Dust control
- Patient relocation as needed
- Ventilation (negative air flow)
- ICRA revisions as the project progresses through phases
- ICRA document expirations
- IP authority for non-compliance of control measures in construction and renovation sites
- Downtime procedures
- Checklist prior to closing area for construction
- Checklist prior to reopening after completion
- Other

- Scenarios where an ICRA is not required. (e.g., for when a standard operating procedure is already in place, items that aren't dust-generating, like a faucet repair, clogged toilet, etc.) above the ceiling in an office space)

4 - Is the IPC program consulted when construction, renovation, demolition, or repairs will be performed?

- Always
- Often
- Rarely
- Never

5a - Does a member of the Construction and Renovation team or IPC Program perform an Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) prior to all construction, renovation, demolition, and repairs?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

5b - Are local managers of construction areas included in the ICRA process?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

5c - Is the ICRA document updated as the project progresses from one stage to the next?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

5d - Are the ICRA documents posted at the construction or renovation site?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

5e - Does the ICRA document include information to contact the contractor if mitigation strategies are not in place?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

6 - Does the IP perform regular rounds when construction and renovation are active?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

7 - Do local managers monitor construction in their area for gaps in ICRA mitigation strategies?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

- 8 - Does the IPC program have a procedure in place to perform particle monitoring and surveillance during construction projects in high-risk areas?
- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
- 9 - Are procedures in place to perform air sampling upon project completion to verify the airborne environment is safe prior to reopening when applicable?
- Yes- when applicable
 - No
 - Unsure
- 10 - Does the facility have protocols for water shutdowns related to construction and renovation?
- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
- 11 - Does the IPC program partner with specialty areas after water disruption from construction and renovation to ensure a safe water restoration?
- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
- 12a - Does the facility have protocols developed for when the ICRA mitigation strategies are not followed in construction and renovation projects?
- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
- 12b - What is included in these protocols if a significant ICRA failure or continued noncompliance is identified?
- Immediate cessation of construction
 - Validation of airflow
 - Environmental sampling, particle counting
 - Sequester of rooms, supplies, medications, etc.
 - Notification of physicians for patient follow-up if exposure occurred
 - Long-term IPC program surveillance for exposed patients if necessary
 - None of the above
 - Other
- 13 - Are outbreak investigations performed if healthcare-associated fungal infections are identified to ensure that it is not related to construction and renovation within the facility?
- Yes
 - No
 - Unsure
- 14 - Do contracted construction workers undergo Infection control training and education prior to working at the facility?
- Yes

- No
- Unsure

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

15 - Does the facility have a written protocol for the preventive maintenance of the HVAC system?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

16 - Does the IPC program evaluate and verify that airflow parameters are met throughout the facility?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

17a - Does the facility have a system in place to monitor areas with special ventilation requirements?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

For the next 7 questions, what areas are included in the HVAC monitoring system?

17b - Procedure Rooms (e.g., Cath lab, Endoscopy, etc.)

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

17c - Positive Pressure Patient Rooms (protective environments)

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

17d - Operating Rooms

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

17e - Laboratory

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

17f - Pharmacy

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

17g - Sterile Processing

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

17h - Laundry

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

18 - How are specialty airflow areas monitored for airflow validation?

- Automated alarm system on the unit
- Monitored central alarm system
- Daily airflow testing using a manometer, smoke, or tissue test
- None: Areas are not actively monitored
- Other

19 - Is daily manual validation performed when All rooms are occupied?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

20a - Does the facility maintain documentation of the HVAC settings, maintenance, and repair?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

20b - HVAC Documentation includes:

- Data by area:
- Pressure differentials
- Defined air exchanges (ACH) by area
- Maintenance schedule
- Filtration efficiencies
- Filter changes
- Humidity controls and levels
- Other
- None of the above

21 - Does the facilities management program have a protocol to wear PPE when performing maintenance on the HVAC system?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

22 - Does the facility have written contingency plans in the event of HVAC malfunction or failure?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

23 - Is the IPC program notified in the event of a HVAC failure?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

24a - Does the IPC program have a written downtime procedure in place for HVAC system interruption?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

24b - What is included in the downtime procedure?

- Patient relocation if necessary
- Deployment of PPE to staff and patients if necessary
- Airborne isolation patient relocation
- Surgical procedure delay or cancellation
- Long-term patient surveillance by the IPC program
- Sequester of room, supplies, medication, etc.
- Other
- None of the above

25a - Does the facility have a protocol for safe restoration after planned and unplanned HVAC system interruption?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

25b - What is included in restoration after a prolonged shutdown?

- Daily humidity measurement
- Assessment of mold
- Assessment of excess moisture
- Remediation if mold is detected
- HVAC operates for 48-72 hours before occupants return after a prolonged shutdown
- Environmental sampling, if applicable
- Other
- None of the above

26 - Is restoration of services coordinated with the IP program to ensure patients in specialty areas are protected from bursts of fungal spores?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Not applicable

Water Management

27a - Does the facility have an interdisciplinary water management team?

- Yes
- No

Unsure

27b - Is the IP a member of the Water Management team?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

28a - Does the facility have a written water management plan?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

28b - What is included in the water management?

- Identification of building water systems and flow
- Identification of areas where hazards such as Legionella could grow
- Application of control measures
- Critical control limits
- Monitoring methods
- Frequency of monitoring
- Water Quality
- Temperature specifications to inhibit microbial growth.
- Interventions when control limits are not met or exceeded
- Documentation of water management team activities
- Water sampling
- Schedule for running water at low-usage areas
- Cleaning frequency of high-risk machines
- Contraindications for use of tap water
- Utility disruption and downtime procedures
- Incident command procedures

29 - Does the IPC program perform a facility risk assessment for waterborne disease?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

30a - Does the IPC program have an investigation process when a patient specimen is positive for opportunistic waterborne pathogens?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

30b - What is included in the investigation process if it is suspected to be hospital-acquired?

- Notification of local public health officials
- Partnering with facility leaders
- Partnering with facilities management (hospital engineering)
- Retrospective data review
- Develop line list of possible and definite healthcare-associated cases
- Obtain post-mortem samples if applicable
- Culturing of water samples

- Decontamination if a source is identified
- Overview of all water systems at the facility
- Walk-through investigation of the facility
- Other

31 - Does the IPC program have an intervention strategy in place if Legionella is identified within the facility?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

32 - Does the facility have a return to service protocol after Legionella mitigation is complete?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

33 - Is the IPC program notified in the event of a water disruption?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

34a - Does the facility have a written downtime procedure for water disruption?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

34b - What is included in the downtime procedure?

- Contingency planning for handwashing
- Contingency planning for potable water distribution to the facility
- Contingency plan for providing drinking water to patients and staff
- Length of time the hospital can operate without potable water
- Human waste management – Preferred
- Leak monitoring and mitigation
- Specialty area downtime procedures (e.g., dialysis, sterile processing, etc.)
- Other

35a - Does the facility have a protocol for safe restoration after planned and unplanned water interruption?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

35b - What is included in restoration after a prolonged shutdown?

- Collaboration with the local water municipality
- Water heater temperature parameters are met per state guidelines
- Water system flush of hot and cold water through all disrupted points
- Flush until water has reached its maximum temperature
- Following manufacturer IFU for devices with specific requirements (e.g., ice machines, ultrasonics, etc.)

- Cleaning and disinfection of in-hospital tubs and basins (e.g., burn tubs, Jacuzzis, etc.)
- Cooling towers are cleaned and maintained
- Monitor water quality parameters after restoration
- Other

Regulated Medical Waste Management

36 - Does the facility have a multidisciplinary team to address regulated medical waste (RMW)?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

37a - Is RMW management a contracted service?

- Yes
- No

37b - Does the facility's waste handling contractor have a permit and the ability to handle Category A waste?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

38a - Does the facility have a written RMW management plan?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

38b - What is included in the written plan?

- Waste collection
- Waste designation
- Waste segregation and handling
- Waste predisposal treatment if applicable
- Waste packaging
- Terminal disposal
- Scenarios for sequestering waste
- Waste storage
- Waste transport
- Special pathogen contingency plans
- Category A waste requirements
- Category B waste requirements
- Infectious waste processes
- Radioactive waste processes-
- Laboratory waste processes
- Chemical waste processes
- Non-biohazardous waste processes
- Contaminated sharps
- Staff training and education
- Other

39 - Does the hospital have on-site treatment available for category A waste?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

40 - Does the facility have a written protocol to package and sequester Category A medical waste?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

41a - Do healthcare personnel receive education and training for regulated waste management as part of bloodborne pathogen annual training and education?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

41b - What is included in waste management education and training as it pertains to infection prevention?

- Biohazardous waste handling from point of care
- Biohazardous waste disposal
- Sharp safety
- Waste management in isolation areas
- Safe transport of regulated medical waste
- Laboratory medical waste
- Other

42 - Throughout the facility, are hazardous waste containers available at point of use?

- Always
- Often
- Rarely
- Never

43 - Are hazardous waste containers labeled with the type of waste they contain per OSHA requirements?

- Yes
- No
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44 - Are RMW containers (e.g. sharps boxes) secured appropriately?

- Yes
- No
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45 - Does the facility have a pest control plan?

- Yes
- No
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Environment of Care Rounding

46a - Does the IPC program perform Environment of Care (EOC) Rounds throughout the organization?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

46b - How frequently are EOC rounds performed?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Every 6 months
- Annually
- Longer than annually

46c - Are Environment of Care rounds multidisciplinary?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

47a - Does the Environment of Care team utilize an EOC checklist?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

47b - Is the EOC checklist based on national guidelines and regulatory standards?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

48 - Does the EOC team provide immediate feedback to appropriate personnel when deficiencies are identified?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Answer Key

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1b - Is the IP a member of this team?

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2 - Is the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) program involved in new construction design to ensure sufficient environmental infection prevention practices are implemented?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

3a - Does the facility have policies and standard operating procedures related to construction, renovation, maintenance, demolition, and repair?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

3b - What is included in the construction renovation, maintenance, demolition, and repair policy and procedures as it pertains to infection prevention and control? (**Select all preferred options**)

Required barrier measures - **Preferred**

Terminal cleaning after project completion - **Preferred**

At-risk population procedures- if applicable - **Preferred**

Contingency plans for exposures from construction - **Preferred**

Return air procedures - **Preferred**

Dust control - **Preferred**

Patient relocation as needed - **Preferred**

Ventilation (negative air flow) - **Preferred**

ICRA revisions as the project progresses through phases - **Preferred**

ICRA document expirations - **Preferred**

IP authority for non-compliance of control measures in construction and renovation sites - **Preferred**

Downtime procedures - **Preferred**

Checklist prior to closing area for construction - **Preferred**

Checklist prior to reopening after completion - **Preferred**

Other

Scenarios where an ICRA is not required. (e.g., for when a standard operating procedure is already in place, items that aren't dust-generating, like a faucet repair, clogged toilet, etc.) above the ceiling in an office space) - **Preferred**

4 - Is the IPC program consulted when construction, renovation, demolition, or repairs will be performed?

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5a - Does a member of the Construction and Renovation team or IPC Program perform an Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) prior to all construction, renovation, demolition, and repairs?

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Unsure

5b - Are local managers of construction areas included in the ICRA process?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

5c - Is the ICRA document updated as the project progresses from one stage to the next?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

5d - Are the ICRA documents posted at the construction or renovation site?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

5e - Does the ICRA document include information to contact the contractor if mitigation strategies are not in place?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

6 - Does the IP perform regular rounds when construction and renovation are active?

Yes - Preferred

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Unsure

7 - Do local managers monitor construction in their area for gaps in ICRA mitigation strategies?

Yes - Preferred

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Unsure

8 - Does the IPC program have a procedure in place to perform particle monitoring and surveillance during construction projects in high-risk areas?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

- 9 - Are procedures in place to perform air sampling upon project completion to verify the airborne environment is safe prior to reopening when applicable?
 Yes- when applicable - Not Scored
 No - Not Scored
 Unsure - Not Scored
- 10 - Does the facility have protocols for water shutdowns related to construction and renovation?
 Yes - Preferred
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- 11 - Does the IPC program partner with specialty areas after water disruption from construction and renovation to ensure a safe water restoration?
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- 12a - Does the facility have protocols developed for when the ICRA mitigation strategies are not followed in construction and renovation projects?
 Yes - Preferred
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- 12b - What is included in these protocols if a significant ICRA failure or continued noncompliance is identified? (**Select all preferred options**)
 Immediate cessation of construction - **Preferred**
 Validation of airflow - **Preferred**
 Environmental sampling, particle counting - **Preferred**
 Sequester of rooms, supplies, medications, etc. - **Preferred**
 Notification of physicians for patient follow-up if exposure occurred - **Preferred**
 Long-term IPC program surveillance for exposed patients if necessary - **Preferred**
 None of the above
 Other
- 13 - Are outbreak investigations performed if healthcare-associated fungal infections are identified to ensure that it is not related to construction and renovation within the facility?
 Yes - Preferred
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- 14 - Do contracted construction workers undergo Infection control training and education prior to working at the facility?
 Yes - Preferred
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Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

15 - Does the facility have a written protocol for the preventive maintenance of the HVAC system?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

16 - Does the IPC program evaluate and verify that airflow parameters are met throughout the facility?

Yes - Preferred

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Unsure

17a - Does the facility have a system in place to monitor areas with special ventilation requirements?

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Unsure

For the next 7 questions, what areas are included in the HVAC monitoring system?

17b - Procedure Rooms (e.g., Cath lab, Endoscopy, etc.)

Yes - Preferred

No

Not applicable

17c - Positive Pressure Patient Rooms (protective environments)

Yes - Preferred

No

Not applicable

17d - Operating Rooms

Yes - Preferred

No

Not applicable

17e - Laboratory

Yes - Preferred

No

Not applicabl

17f - Pharmacy

Yes - Preferred

No

Not applicable

17g - Sterile Processing

Yes - Preferred

No

Not applicable

17h - Laundry

Yes - Preferred

No

Not applicable

18 - How are specialty airflow areas monitored for airflow validation? (**Select all preferred options**)

Automated alarm system on unit - **Preferred**

Monitored central alarm system - **Preferred**

Daily airflow testing using manometer, smoke, or tissue test - **Preferred**

None: Areas are not actively monitored.

Other

19 - Is daily manual validation performed when All rooms are occupied?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

20a - Does the facility maintain documentation of the HVAC settings, maintenance, and repair?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

20b - HVAC Documentation includes: (**Select all preferred options**)

Data by area: - **Preferred**

Pressure differentials - **Preferred**

Defined air exchanges (ACH) by area - **Preferred**

Maintenance schedule - **Preferred**

Filtration efficiencies - **Preferred**

Filter changes - **Preferred**

Humidity controls and levels - **Preferred**

Other

None of the above

21 - Does the facilities management program have a protocol to wear PPE when performing maintenance on the HVAC system?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

22 - Does the facility have written contingency plans in the event of HVAC malfunction or failure?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

23 - Is the IPC program notified in the event of a HVAC failure?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

24a - Does the IPC program have a written downtime procedure in place for HVAC system interruption?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

24b - What is included in the downtime procedure? (**Select all preferred options**)

Patient relocation if necessary - **Preferred**

Deployment of PPE to staff and patients if necessary - **Preferred**

Airborne isolation patient relocation - **Preferred**

Surgical procedure delay or cancellation - **Preferred**

Long-term patient surveillance by the IPC program - **Preferred**

Sequester of room, supplies medication, etc. - **Preferred**

Other

None of the above

25a - Does the facility have a protocol for safe restoration after planned and unplanned HVAC system interruption?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

25b - What is included in restoration after a prolonged shutdown? (**Select all preferred options**)

Daily humidity measurement - **Preferred**

Assessment of mold - **Preferred**

Assessment of excess moisture - **Preferred**

Remediation if mold is detected - **Preferred**

HVAC operates for 48-72 hours before occupants return after prolonged shutdown - **Preferred**

Environmental sampling if applicable - **Preferred Optional**

None of the above

26 - Is restoration of services coordinated with the IP program to ensure patients in specialty areas are protected from bursts of fungal spores?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

Water Management

27a - Does the facility have an interdisciplinary water management team?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

27b - Is the IP a member of the Water Management team?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

28a - Does the facility have a written water management plan?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

28b - What is included in the water management? (**Select all preferred options**)

Identification of building water systems and flow - **Preferred**

Identification of areas where hazards such as Legionella could grow - **Preferred**

Application of control measures - **Preferred**

Critical control limits - **Preferred**

Monitoring methods - **Preferred**

Frequency of monitoring - **Preferred**

Water Quality - **Preferred**

Temperature specifications to inhibit microbial growth. - **Preferred**

Interventions when control limits are not met or exceeded - **Preferred**

Documentation of water management team activities - **Preferred**

Water sampling - **Preferred**

Schedule for running water at low-usage areas - **Preferred**

Cleaning frequency of high-risk machines - **Preferred**

Contraindications for use of tap water - **Preferred**

Utility disruption and downtime procedures - **Preferred**

Incident command procedures - **Preferred**

29 - Does the IPC program perform a facility risk assessment for waterborne disease?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

30a - Does the IPC program have an investigation process when a patient specimen is positive for opportunistic waterborne pathogens?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

30b - What is included in the investigation process if it is suspected to be hospital-acquired? (**Select all preferred options**)

Notification of local public health officials - **Preferred**

Partnering with facility leaders - **Preferred**

Partnering with facilities management (hospital engineering) - **Preferred**

Retrospective data review - **Preferred**

Develop line list of possible and definite healthcare-associated cases - **Preferred**

Obtain post-mortem samples if applicable - **Preferred Optional**

Culturing of water samples - **Preferred**

Decontamination if a source is identified - **Preferred**

Overview of all water systems at facility - **Preferred**

Walk through investigation of facility - **Preferred**

Other

31 - Does the IPC program have an intervention strategy in place if Legionella is identified within the facility?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

32 - Does the facility have a return to service protocol after Legionella mitigation is complete?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

33 - Is the IPC program notified in the event of water disruption?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

34a - Does the facility have a written downtime procedure for water disruption?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

34b - What is included in the downtime procedure? (**Select all preferred options**)

Contingency planning for handwashing - **Preferred**

Contingency planning for potable water distribution to facility - **Preferred**

Contingency plan for providing drinking water to patients and staff - **Preferred**

Length of time hospital can operate without potable water - **Preferred**

Human waste management - **Preferred**

Leak monitoring and mitigation - **Preferred**

Specialty area downtime procedures (e.g., dialysis, sterile processing, etc.) - **Preferred**

Other

35a - Does the facility have a protocol for safe restoration after planned and unplanned water interruption?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

35b - What is included in restoration after a prolonged shutdown? (**Select all preferred options**)

Collaboration with local water municipality - **Preferred**

Water heater temperature parameters are met per state guidelines - **Preferred**

Water system flush of hot and cold water through all disrupted points - **Preferred**

Flush until water has reached its maximum temperature - **Preferred**

Following manufacturer IFU for devices with specific requirements (e.g., ice machines, ultrasonics, etc.) - **Preferred**

Cleaning and disinfection of in-hospital tubs and basins (e.g., burn tubs, Jacuzzis, etc.) - **Preferred**

Cooling towers are cleaned and maintained - **Preferred**

Monitor water quality parameters after restoration - **Preferred**

Other

Regulated Medical Waste Management

36 - Does the facility have a multidisciplinary team to address regulated medical waste (RMW)?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

37a - Is RMW management a contracted service? **(Not Scored – Informational Only)**

Yes

No

37b - Does the facility's waste handling contractor have a permit and the ability to handle Category A waste? **(Not Scored – Informational Only)**

Yes

No

Unsure

38a - Does the facility have a written RMW management plan?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

38b - What is included in the written plan? **(Select all preferred options)**

Waste collection - **Preferred**

Waste designation - **Preferred**

Waste segregation and handling - **Preferred**

Waste predisposal treatment if applicable - **Preferred**

Waste packaging - **Preferred**

Terminal disposal - **Preferred**

Scenarios for sequestering waste - **Preferred**

Waste storage - **Preferred**

Waste transport - **Preferred**

Special pathogen contingency plans - **Preferred**

Category A waste requirements - **Preferred**

Category B waste requirements - **Preferred**

Infectious waste processes - **Preferred**

Radioactive waste processes - **Preferred Optional**

Laboratory waste processes - **Preferred Optional**

Chemical waste processes - **Preferred**

Non-biohazardous waste processes - **Preferred**

Contaminated sharps - **Preferred**

Staff training and education - **Preferred**

Other

39 - Does the hospital have on-site treatment available for category A waste? **(Not Scored – Informational Only)**

Yes

No

Unsure

40 - Does the facility have a written protocol to package and sequester Category A medical waste?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

41a - Do healthcare personnel receive education and training for regulated waste management as part of bloodborne pathogen annual training and education?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

41b - What is included in waste management education and training as it pertains to infection prevention? (**Select all preferred options**)

Biohazardous waste handling from point of care - **Preferred**

Biohazardous waste disposal - **Preferred**

Sharp safety - **Preferred**

Waste management in isolation areas - **Preferred**

Safe transport of regulated medical waste - **Preferred**

Laboratory medical waste - **Preferred**

Other

42 - Throughout the facility, are hazardous waste containers available at point of use?

Always - Preferred

Often - Preferred

Rarely

Never

43 - Are hazardous waste containers labeled with the type of waste they contain per OSHA requirements?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

44 - Are RMW containers (e.g. sharps boxes) secured appropriately?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

45 - Does the facility have a pest control plan?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

Environment of Care Rounding

46a - Does the IPC program perform Environment of Care (EOC) Rounds throughout the organization?

Yes - Preferred

No

Unsure

46b - How frequently are EOC rounds performed? **(Select at least one preferred option)**

- Daily - **Preferred**
- Weekly - **Preferred**
- Monthly - **Preferred**
- Quarterly - **Preferred**
- Every 6 months - **Preferred**
- Annually - **Preferred**
- Longer than annually

46c - Are Environment of Care rounds multidisciplinary?

- Yes - **Preferred**
- No
- Unsure

47a - Does the Environment of Care team utilize an EOC checklist?

- Yes - **Preferred**
- No
- Unsure

47b - Is the EOC checklist based on national guidelines and regulatory standards?

- Yes - **Preferred**
- No
- Unsure

48 - Does the EOC team provide immediate feedback to appropriate personnel when deficiencies are identified?

- Yes - **Preferred**
- No
- Unsure

Guidance

Construction, Renovation, Demolition, and Repair Program

Core Element Description: Assessment of construction and renovation processes within the facility.

Free Access: Guidelines

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2024, March 19.) Environmental Cleaning in Global Healthcare Settings. <https://www.cdc.gov/healthcare-associated-infections/hcp/cleaning-global/index.html>

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

Core Element Description: Assessment of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) processes and organization within the facility.

No Guidance Available - Intentionally left blank

Water Management

Core Element Description: Assessment of water management practices within the facility.

Free Access: Resources

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