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Infection Control Topic	Old IC Standard/EP	New IC Standard/EP
Infection prevention and control program leader and responsibilities	IC.01.01.01, EPs 1,2,3, 4,6	IC.04.01.01, EPs 1,2
Responsibilities of the governing body and hospital leaders	N/A	IC.04.01.01, EP 1 IC.05.01.01, EPs 1,2
Resources for the infection prevention and control program	IC.01.02.01, EPs 1,2,3	IC.05.01.01, EP 1
Infection risk identification and annual review	IC.01.03.01, EPs 1,2,3	IC.06.01.01, EPs 1,2
Setting goals for/prioritizing infection prevention and control activities based on risk	IC.01.04.01, EP 1	IC.06.01.01, EP 1
Infection prevention and control plan	IC.01.05.01, EP 2	N/A
Requirements for infection control policies and procedures	N/A	IC.04.01.01, EPs 3,4
Use of evidence-based national guidelines when developing infection prevention and control activities	IC.01.05.01, EP 1	IC.04.01.01, EP 3
Requirements for policies and procedures addressing the reprocessing reusable devices, including the use of manufacturers' instructions	N/A	IC.04.01.01, EP 4
Access to and use of public health and safety data	N/A	IC.05.01.01 EP 1 IC.06.01.01 EP 1
Surveillance of infections or infection control processes	IC.01.05.01, EP 2 IC.02.01.01, EP 1	IC.06.01.01, EP 3
Outbreak management	IC.01.05.01, EP 5 IC.02.01.01, EP 5	IC.06.01.01, EP 4
The infection prevention and control program is hospitalwide	IC.01.05.01, EP 6	IC.04.01.01 EP 5
Influx of potentially infectious patients	IC.01.06.01, EPs 2,3,4	See EM requirements
Implementation of infection prevention and control activities, including cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization	IC.02.01.01, EPs 1,2,3, 10, 11 IC.02.02.01, EPs 1,2,4,5	IC.06.01.01, EP 3
Storage and disposal of infectious waste	IC.02.01.01, EP 6 IC.02.02.01, EP 3	See EC.02.02.01
Communication of information to staff, visitors, patients, families on responsibilities in infection prevention and control, e.g., posters or pamphlets	IC.02.01.01, EP 7	IC.06.01.01, EP 4
Communication of infection surveillance, prevention, and control information to the appropriate staff within the hospital	IC.02.01.01, EP 8	IC.05.01.01, EP 2 IC.06.01.01, EP 4 IC.07.01.01, EP 1
Reporting to local, state, and federal public health authorities	IC.02.01.01, EP 9	IC.04.01.01, EP 3 IC.07.01.01, EP 1
Patient notification and follow-up after exposure to infection or incorrectly reprocessed medical/surgical device	IC.02.03.01, EP 4	IC.04.01.01, EP 4
Occupational health	IC.02.03.01, EPs 1, 2	IC.06.01.01, EP 5
Protocols to support preparedness for high-consequence infectious diseases or special pathogens	N/A	IC.07.01.01, EPs 1,2
Staff vaccination against influenza	IC.02.04.01 EPs 1-9	IC.04.01.01, EP 3 IC.06.01.01, EP 5
Practices to prevent HAIs (MDRO, CLABSI, CAUTI, SSI)	IC.02.05.01, EPs 1, 2, 3	IC.04.01.01 EP 3 IC.06.01.01 EP 3

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Evaluation of the infection prevention and control plan	IC.03.01.01, EPs 1,7	N/A
Communication of evaluation results with the quality and safety leaders.	IC.03.01.01, EP 6	IC.05.01.01, EP 2
Total Number of EPs	**51**	**14**

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