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**IPC.34 The hospital provides sufficient hand hygiene facilities.**

- IPC.34.1 Toilets, hand washing, and bathing facilities meet the needs of the hospital and are clean and in good repair.
  - IPC.34.2 Hand washing sinks are available in all patients' rooms (including clinics and emergency rooms) and nursing stations.
  - IPC.34.3 Hand washing sinks and bathing facilities are supplied with hot and cold water under pressure.
  - IPC.34.4 Hand washing sinks are conveniently accessible to staff.
  - IPC.34.5 Antiseptic soap and towels are available for hand washing.
  - IPC.34.6 Hand disinfectants are available in adequate number (one dispenser per patients' room in general wards and clinics, one per bed in critical care areas and emergency rooms, and one in every nursing station).
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**Standard Intent:**

To achieve best practice in hand hygiene, the required facilities such as toilets and hand washing sinks should be conveniently allocated and regularly maintained. The required supplies such as soap, alcohol hand rub sanitizers, and towels or other means of drying should be provided in adequate quantities in areas where proper hand hygiene practices are required.

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**IPC.35 The hospital reports communicable diseases to the relevant authorities.**

- IPC.35.1 Communicable diseases are timely reported internally to the infection prevention and control team by the treating team.
  - IPC.35.2 The hospital reports communicable diseases to the Ministry of Health in accordance with laws and regulations and to other authorities whenever required.
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**Standard Intent:**

To ensure that the hospital in compliance with the Ministry of health requirements on reporting of notifiable communicable diseases, the hospital should have an evidence of reporting of communicable diseases to MOH as per the hospital policy and evidence of staff awareness of hospital reporting system.

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**IPC.36 There are policies and procedures that address employees' immunization and post exposure management.**

- IPC.36.1 There is a structure (e.g., staff health clinic) that provides pre-employment counseling and medical services related to screening, immunization, and post exposure management.



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- IPC.36.2 Employees' immunization and post exposure management are addressed in written policies and procedures.
  - IPC.36.3 Employees' immunization and post exposure management are consistent with laws and regulations and recommendations of professional organizations.
  - IPC.36.4 All employees have baseline screening for hepatitis B, C, HIV, and tuberculosis.
  - IPC.36.5 The immune status of newly hired staff against hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella is determined by serological testing. Appropriate vaccine(s) is administered to those who are susceptible.
  - IPC.36.6 Response to hepatitis B vaccination is monitored in vaccinated employees four weeks after completing vaccine series. Non-responders to hepatitis B vaccine are offered at least a second series of the vaccine.
  - IPC.36.7 Newly hired staff are screened for tuberculosis upon contracting with PPD test, and the test is repeated annually for those who are non-reactive.
  - IPC.36.8 PPD conversion rates are calculated and monitored.
  - IPC.36.9 There is a system for reporting, follow up and management of exposure to open pulmonary TB and vaccine-preventable viruses: chickenpox, measles, mumps, and rubella.
  - IPC.36.10 There is a system for reporting, follow up, and management of needle prick and sharp injuries.
  - IPC.36.11 The infection prevention and control team regularly monitors exposure of staff to pathogens and take corrective actions to prevent recurrence.
  - IPC.36.12 The screening, immunization, and post exposure management data are kept in staff medical records.
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### **Standard Intent:**

To ensure that the hospital has a defined system that guarantees all staff is screened, immunized and offered post exposure prophylaxis as recommended by Infection Prevention and Control principles. Employee health services should be provided via Staff Health Clinic, its scope of services should include counseling and medical services related to screening, immunization, and post exposure management. Employee health services should be guided by hospital policy which addresses staff screening, immunizations and exposure to blood/body fluid and exposure to infectious diseases. Employees' medical records reflect required staff screening, immunization and post exposure measures. The hospital should evaluate the Infection Control risks on hospital staff by measuring PPD conversion rates, and sharp injuries rate.

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### **IPC.37 The hospital develops an anti-biogram that is regularly reviewed.**

- IPC.37.1 The anti-biogram is prepared at least once yearly.