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**IPC.6 The hospital has an infection prevention and control annual plan.**

- IPC.6.1 The hospital has infection prevention and control annual plan that addresses the epidemiologically important infections, processes, and devices that are associated with risk of healthcare-associated infections as identified by the hospital.
  - IPC.6.2 The plan includes measures for patient safety (standard precautions, transmission based isolation, different care bundles).
  - IPC.6.3 The plan includes measures for staff safety (e.g., staff immunization and post exposure management).
  - IPC.6.4 The plan includes measures for staff, and patient/family education.
  - IPC.6.5 The plan is evaluated and approved annually by the infection prevention and control committee.
  - IPC.6.6 The plan includes metrics of required changes in targets and goals to reduce hospital acquired infections.
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**Standard Intent:**

The hospital should develop an annual infection prevention and control plan that supports the hospital Infection Prevention and Control Program. The plan should include audit activity and identify areas associated with infection risks within the organization. The plan should be approved by the infection control committee and should be periodically reviewed and evaluated to targeted goals and required improvement.

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**IPC.7 Policies and procedures guide the infection prevention and control program.**

- IPC.7.1 Infection prevention and control policies and procedures are developed by the infection prevention and control staff and approved by the infection prevention and control committee.
  - IPC.7.2 Infection prevention and control policies and procedures are collaboratively developed with medical staff, nursing staff, and other internal and external relevant stakeholders.
  - IPC.7.3 Infection prevention and control policies and procedures are organized in one manual.
  - IPC.7.4 The infection prevention and control manual is readily available to all relevant staff and in all patient care areas.
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**Standard Intent:**

To ensure proper practices of infection prevention and control principles within the hospital, the program should be guided by policies and procedures which are all gathered in a manual that is available in all patient care areas. The Infection control policies should be relevant to the Hospital scope of services and approved by the Infection Prevention and control committee.

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