POLICY STATEMENT:

This policy shall guide TTUHSC Ambulatory Clinic personnel in the procedure for reporting healthcare associated infections.

SCOPE:

This policy applies and will be distributed to all TTUHSC Ambulatory Clinics.

PROCEDURE:

1. Upon discovery of a healthcare associated infection in a patient, the responsible person (designated by the clinic) should complete the Healthcare Associated Infection Communication Form (see 7.22A, Healthcare Associated Infection Communication Form) and forward a copy to the HSC Infection Control Nurse or designee.

2. Clinics should use the CDC Definitions for Healthcare Associated Infection (2009) and/or the “CDC Definitions of Healthcare Associated Surgical Site Infections” (2010) as a guideline in determining whether an infection is healthcare associated or not.

3. The HSC Infection Control Nurse or designee should confirm report of the findings to the previous department/facility and forward any pertinent information to the reporting clinic.

APPROVAL AUTHORITY:

This policy shall be recommended for approval by the Joint SOM Policy Committee to the Regional Deans with final signatory authority by the Deans, Schools of Medicine.

RESPONSIBILITY AND REVISIONS:

It is the responsibility of the Joint SOM Policy Committee to review and initiate necessary revisions based on collaboration and input by and through Quality Improvement/Performance Improvement and Risk Management. Administrative and technical management of this policy, including web site maintenance, will be the responsibility of the Lubbock Office of Performance Improvement.

ATTACHMENT:

7.22.A – Healthcare Associated Infection Communication Form

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