



Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure

Title:	Healthcare Associated Infection Tracking	Policy Number:	7.22
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		Original Approval:	6/1996

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC) Ambulatory Clinics to track and report all healthcare associated infections.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all TTUHSC Ambulatory Clinics operated through its schools.

PROCEDURE:

1. Upon discovery of a healthcare associated infection in a patient, the responsible person (designated by the clinic) should complete [8.02, Occurrence Report](#), and forward the report to the Performance Improvement Director.
2. Clinics should use the [CDC/NHSN Surveillance Definitions for Specific Types of Infections](#) and/or [Frequently Asked Questions About Surgical Site Infections](#) as a guideline in determining whether an infection is healthcare associated or not.
3. The Infection Prevention and Control Nurse or designee should **investigate the issue and if appropriate, complete the** Healthcare Associated Infection Communication Form (see [7.22A, Healthcare Associated Infection Communication Form](#)). Positive findings should generate a report 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 Ambulatory Policy Committee to the Council of Deans.

RESPONSIBILITY AND REVISIONS:

It is the responsibility of the Joint Ambulatory Policy Committee to review and initiate necessary revisions based on collaboration and input by and through Quality Improvement/Performance Improvement, Risk Management and the Office of Institutional Compliance.

RIGHT TO CHANGE POLICY:

TTUHSC reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend or rescind this policy in whole or in part at any time to reflect changes in policy and/or law.

CERTIFICATION:

This policy was approved by the Council of Deans on December 3, 2015.

ATTACHMENT:

[7.22.A – Healthcare Associated Infection Communication Form](#)