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**INFECTION CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT:**

- Commitment:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital represented by the medical and administrative staff, along with the Governing Body, recognizes the need to formalize the infection control efforts. The goal of the Infection Control Program is to reduce the risk of acquisition and transmission of healthcare associated infections (HAIs). To accomplish this goal effectively requires an integrated process involving a collaborative effort by all programs and services throughout the facility. The Governing Body of \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital directs that an Infection Control Program be established and that this policy statement be adopted to ensure the organization has a functioning, coordinated process in place to reduce the risks of endemic, epidemic and HAIs in patients and healthcare workers.
  
- Statement:
  - Infection control at \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital is an important consideration in every decision and plan. Infection control must be an integral responsibility of all personnel. This program is a major component of the facility’s safety program, as well as its performance improvement program.
  
  - All healthcare providers, in partnership with the medical staff, are responsible for the safety, health and well being of all patients, physicians, visitors and healthcare workers (HCW). This responsibility may be met by working together continuously to promote safe infection control practices, observing all rules, regulations, procedural guidelines and continually assessing the program to identify risks involved with the facility’s demography of patients, in an effort to improve the quality of patient care. For these reasons, \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital has established an Infection Control Program, which requires the participation, support and cooperation of all personnel.
  
  - Each department, in partnership with the medical staff, will be responsible and held accountable for its role in the Infection Control Program. In addition to reporting isolation cases, suspected infections and positive cultures, as well as providing required follow-up information, each department will be responsible for full and timely cooperation with the Infection Control Committee/Infection Control Practitioner to develop and implement remedial/corrective action. Specific assignments will be made to committees, departments and individual personnel and, where assigned, the completion of these assignments will be expected in a timely yet thorough manner.