



Health Care Associated Infection Policy

Introduction

- The Safety and Quality Governance Standard has been developed to ensure the highest levels of safety for our staff and patients by complying with recognised infection control standards and procedures.

Objectives

- To ensure the best quality of clinical care by reducing the risks of transmitting infectious agents to patients, carers, healthcare workers, support staff and others.

Policy

- *Aged Care imaging* is committed to maintaining the highest levels of safety for our staff and patients by complying with the recognized infection control standards and procedures. Infection control measures have been implemented through education and practise of standard and contact precaution procedures to reduce the incidence and risks of infection and prevent infection transmission.
- *Aged Care imaging* infection control procedures complies with the *Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare (2010)*, Occupational Health and Safety legislation and/or State or Territory Health Services Infection Control Policies where relevant.
- *Aged Care imaging* ensures that information on management and reductions of healthcare associated infections are available to patients.
- Where ultrasound services are provided, *Aged Care imaging* has a policy that meets the requirements of the Therapeutic Goods Order No. 54 – Standard for Disinfectants and Sterilants or equivalent. See ACI Infection Control Education & Procedure found *C:ACI Vic/Documents/Company/QIP/Infection Control Education & Procedure.pdf*
- The Practice Principal (or nominated delegate) of *Aged Care imaging* is responsible for the overall quality and safety compliance of the practice. Incidents of an infection control breach must be immediately reported to the Practice Principal (or nominated delegate) and the designated staff supervisor. All reported incidents will be investigated and a review of existing infection control procedures will be conducted by the designated staff supervisor. Reports and actions arising from the review of procedures will be communicated to *Aged Care imaging* Practice Principal (or nominated delegate)



and staff. All incidents of this type with their designated investigation findings and corrective actions will be documented in our Infection Control Breach Register, this can be found at C:ACI Vic/Documents/Company/QIP/Quality Improvement Register.doc

- *Aged Care imaging* regularly conducts risk management assessments of all diagnostic imaging procedures for potential transmission of infectious agents and provides orientation and training to all staff on infection control for all new diagnostic imaging procedures and/or changes to existing diagnostic imaging procedures.

Procedure

Our infection control procedure is to ensure:

- Staff are educated on infection control issues relevant to the operation of the practice. See ACI Infection Control Education & Procedure found C:ACI Vic/Documents/Company/QIP/Infection Control Education & Procedure.pdf
- Occupational Health and Safety Laws are adhered to at all times.
- Correct procedures are followed in regard to Hand Hygiene, Safe Sharps Management, Management at Blood and Body Fluid Exposure, Cleaning of Equipment and the Practice Environment and Waste Management.
- In the event of Aged Care Imaging being notified of a potential infection control breach an incident report form will be provided to the alerting party. The incident will be logged into the Quality Improvement Register and actions enacted to investigate, report to all involved parties our investigation and corrective actions implemented to deal with breach cause adhering to principles of disclosure and the guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare 2010.
- Incident Reporting and Corrective Action is documented within the Quality Improvement Register found at C:ACI Vic/Documents/Company/QIP/Quality Improvement Register.doc
- As Aged Care Imaging is a completely mobile service consumer-specific information is located online at agedcareimaging.com.au
- Staff orientation and training in infection control procedures is a documented process within our staff training manual found at C:ACI Vic/Documents/Company/QIP/Staff Training Manual.doc



Reference documents:	Department of Health Practice Accreditation Standards 3 rd edition 1.1 & 1.6 Other: Quality Improvement Register <i>Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare (2010).</i> Therapeutic Goods Order no 54.
Reference websites:	http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/node/30290 https://www.tga.gov.au/therapeutic-goods-orders