**BASIC RESPONSIBILITY**

## Licensed Nurse

**PURPOSE**

# To have an Infection control surveillance system that provides data to analyze for trends and patterns

**PROCEDURE**

1. The Infection Preventionist and/or The Director of Nursing or designee will review surveillance data weekly and recommend infection control measures as appropriate in response to identified problems
2. Written definitions of infections are listed in the Definitions of Infections Policy
3. Surveillance data is collected from several sources:
	1. Walking rounds
	2. Medical progress notes
	3. Laboratory reports
	4. Nursing notes
	5. Medication pass audits
	6. EMR infection report
	7. Medication records
	8. Physical assessment
	9. Environmental observations
	10. Follow up information form hospital transfers
4. Surveillance data will be used to determine
	1. Planning control efforts
	2. Detecting epidemics
	3. Directing inservices
	4. Identifying individual resident problems for intervention
5. Analysis of surveillance data will include the following elements on each infection to detect clusters and trends
	1. Date of onset
	2. Body site
	3. Room number
	4. Appropriate culture information
6. Nosocomial infection rates are calculated monthly
	1. The rates by category are recorded and reported to the Quality Assurance Committee
7. All departments are expected to practice standard precautions while doing their day to day tasks (see Standard Precautions Policy)