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What to expect during an infection-control survey

When DIA surveyors interview a hospital's infection-control preventionist specialist, they will verify that there is an active surveillance program for prevention, early detection, and control, as well as if education is provided. The surveyor will review the facility's process to investigate and control infections and communicable diseases, and will ask for the hospital's infection-control policy and procedure and infection-control meeting minutes.

Some of the questions DIA surveyors will likely ask the infection preventionist or designated qualified individual(s) during a recertification survey are:

1. What is the hospital's process for evaluating infection control, and how are corrective actions documented?
2. How is the infection-control program incorporated into the hospital-wide quality assurance (QA) plan?
3. Have you had any recent problems or changes? If yes, what corrective measures have been completed to address these issues?
4. What is the procedure to resolve identified problems involving infections and communicable diseases within the hospital?

Employee spotlight



Jim Berkley started with the Health Facilities Division in May 2001 as a health facilities surveyor. He transferred to the complaint unit as an intake specialist in 2005, and in 2006 became the complaint unit program coordinator (PC). Jim also has experience as an assisted living program coordinator, fining and citation coordinator, hospital program coordinator, and now is back in the complaint unit as an intake specialist. In 1993 he obtained his diploma in nursing from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, and his Bachelor of Science in health from the University of St. Francis in 2008. Jim began his 30-year nursing career in pediatric intensive care, and then moved to neuro-trauma intensive care. Jim also worked as the director of nursing for a brain injury rehabilitation facility prior to coming to the Department of Inspections and Appeals.

Contact us



If you have any questions or concerns, or if there are topics you would like to see covered in this newsletter or at a future

5. How often do infection-control meetings occur, and who attends the meetings?
6. How do you identify hospital patients who are at risk for infections and communicable diseases?
7. What are three common infections you've seen in the hospital?
8. How are staff educated about infections and communicable diseases?
9. How is information regarding hospital-acquired infections (HAI) being communicated to the governing body?

lunch-and-learn, please contact **Megan**

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[You can review the regulatory sections of the state operations manual \(for hospitals\) here.](#)

Bonus lunch and learn

Topic: Visitation guidance ([QSO-21-08](#))

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Time: 1 p.m.

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