



Outreach OT

Infection Control Procedure

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that Outreach OT has a process in place to protect workers and clients from acquiring work associated infections.

2.0 What is infection control?

Infection from exposure to a biological hazard can cause serious illness. Any infection to which the carrying out of work is a significant contributing factor must be prevented. This includes any infection that is reliably attributable to carrying out work that involves providing treatment to a person or involves potential contact with human or body substances

3.0 How are workers exposed to infectious diseases?

Workers may be exposed to infectious diseases through activities such as:

- Physical contact with clients
- Contact with a client's body substances
- Handling contaminated items and equipment
- Contact with a client's animals and animal excreta.

4.0 Controls to be put in place

All workers are to put in place the following controls:

4.1 Standard precautions for the care and treatment of all clients. This includes:

- Personal hygiene practices including covering non-intact skin (for example cuts, dermatitis) with a water-resistant dressing
- Washing hands before and after every client contact
- If water and soap not available, use of antiseptic hand gel between clients until hands can be washed.
- Avoid contact with client body substances.
- Use of disposable gloves when handling clients with broken skin, including pressure areas.
- Use of disposable gloves when performing wheelchair or shower chair reviews.
- Maintain a clean work environment including vehicle.
- All linen is laundered between clients.
- All toys and equipment are wiped with disinfectant wipes between clients and thoroughly dried.
- All equipment that cannot be wiped down (eg. playdough) is single use.
- Offers of refreshment by families should be politely turned down.

4.2 In case of worker illness the worker shall cancel all clients and not attend appointments until infectious period passes. This is outlined in the client Service Agreement.

4.3 Clients are requested to cancel appointments if they or their family members are unwell. This is outlined in the client Service Agreement. Should a visit occur where a client or other household member is clearly ill the appointment will end and a new appointment time provided.

5.0 Equipment

A stock of infection control materials must be kept in the vehicle at all times. Materials include:

- Antiseptic hand gel

- Antiseptic hand wipes
- Disinfectant surface wipes
- Gloves
- Band-aids.

Stock must be checked months and replenished as needed.

Owner/Operator Signature
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