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| INTRODUCTION TO INFECTION CONTROL | | | | NO. 168 | |
| POLICY:  An Infection Control Program is essential to the facility as it detects admission of a patient with a communicable disease from the community and minimizes the possibility of a nosocomial infection. The prevention of the spread of infection within the facility to other patients, personnel and visitors is a prime concern of the facility administration and staff.  PROCEDURE:  1. In the facility's clinical environment, the nursing service will, on occasion, deal with an active infectious process; however, the staff will be familiar with preventive programs available to eliminate or minimize infection.   1. The facility recognizes and utilizes isolation procedures and techniques outlined in the document Isolation Techniques For Use In Hospitals, published by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and protocols established in the Policy and Procedure Manual of the Nursing Department. | | | | | |
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