

**SKILLS FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTHCARE
TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES (TSC) REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

TSC Category	Quality and Patient Safety					
TSC	Infection Control					
TSC Description	Prevent the spread of infectious agents through compliance to good infection control practices and regular audits					
TSC Proficiency Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
		HCE-QPH-2005-1.1	HCE-QPH-3005-1.1	HCE-QPH-4005-1.1	HCE-QPH-5005-1.1	
		Support in the maintenance of the organisation's infection prevention and control processes	Maintain infection prevention and control frameworks through monitoring staff, performing audits and client education	Facilitate the department's/organisation's infection prevention and control frameworks	Lead department's /organisation's infection assessment, control and prevention procedures based on organisation's guidelines	
Knowledge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines and principles in infection control Hand hygiene/surgical hand wash procedures Sterilisation and disinfection procedures Sterile techniques for interventions within area of practice Management of biohazard materials Environmental cleaning procedures General and hazardous waste management Types of precautions related to infection control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection control and prevention audit procedures National infection control guidelines Client teaching guidelines on infection prevention and control protocols Education guidelines on changes in infection prevention and control protocols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infection control and prevention audit procedures relevant to the department, sub-specialty and institution Performance indicators of infection prevention and control frameworks Methods for monitoring infection incidents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trends impacting infection control practices Emerging and re-emerging infections Infection control and systems of work in clinical and non-clinical areas Infection control assessment tools Infection control risk mitigation Multidisciplinary stakeholder management Global, regional and local infection trends related to therapy interventions 	
Abilities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify situations with high risk of contamination, where applicable Perform standard routine infection prevention and control procedures as part of daily interventions Support the implementation of new infection control and prevention procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform infection prevention and control checks on work areas, safety devices and equipment, staff and clients Conduct client education on infection control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct audits on the proper application of infection control and sanitation procedures across departments in accordance with the hospital policies and guidelines Evaluate effectiveness of infection prevention and control frameworks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor outcomes of preventive actions based on national infection control policies Appraise the impact of epidemiological, social, political and professional trends on infection control practices related to clinical practices 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor prevalence of infections in patients and staff • Liaise with colleagues, other healthcare professionals regarding the implementation of appropriate infection control measures • Conduct continuing education to keep staff current about changes in protocols and standards relating to infection control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulate risk mitigation strategies related to infection control • Formulate advice on the prevention and control of infections informed by evidence-based research • Review policies, procedures and standards for the organisation to prevent and control infections, in collaboration with other experts and specialists • Cultivate a work culture of prioritising infection control in the departments/organisation • Collaborate with Ministry of Health (MOH) and all relevant national agencies in the prevention and control of multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO) infection related to therapy practice 	
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