

2. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Appropriate use of PPE, such as gloves, masks, and gowns, is required for staff engaging in direct patient care or handling bodily fluids and medical waste. This ensures a barrier against infections.
3. **Environmental Cleaning:** Regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces, especially those frequently touched, are carried out to reduce the risk of pathogen transmission. This includes patient care areas, medical equipment, and communal spaces.
4. **Waste Management:** Proper disposal of medical waste and sharps in designated containers to prevent injury and reduce the risk of infection spread.

16.6 Detailed Procedures for Infection Control

15.6.1 Hand Hygiene Protocol

1. **Objective:** To reduce the transmission of microbial infection through hands, recognized as a primary route for infection spread.
2. **Procedure:**
 - a. Staff, patients, and visitors are required to clean their hands upon entering and exiting any facility area, before and after any direct contact with patients, and after contact with potentially contaminated surfaces, equipment, and after the removal of personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - b. Handwashing stations, equipped with antimicrobial soap, water, disposable towels, and alcohol-based hand sanitizers, are easily accessible throughout the facility.
 - c. Educational materials demonstrating proper handwashing techniques are prominently displayed beside each handwashing station and in restrooms.
 - d. Compliance with hand hygiene protocols is regularly monitored, with feedback provided to staff to promote adherence.

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