

Infection Control Policy

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Reference websites:	http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/node/30290 https://www.tga.gov.au/therapeutic-goods-orders

Introduction

- The Safety and Quality Governance Standard has been developed to ensure the highest levels of safety for our staff and patients by complying with recognised infection control standards and procedures.

Objectives

- To ensure the best quality of clinical care by reducing the risks of transmitting infectious agents to patients, carers, healthcare workers, support staff and others.

Policy

- GIG Radiology Pty Ltd is committed to maintaining the highest levels of safety for our staff and patients by complying with the recognized infection control standards and procedures. Infection control measures have been implemented to reduce the incidence and risks of infection, and prevent infection transmission.
- GIG Radiology Pty Ltd infection control procedures complies with the *Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare* (2010), Occupational Health and Safety legislation and/or State or Territory Health Services Infection Control Policies where relevant.

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- GIG Radiology Pty Ltd ensures a comprehensive range of information on management and reductions of healthcare associated infections are available to patients. This information will be available in a variety of media forms, including (but not limited to) brochures, www.gigradiology.com.au and posters.
- Where ultrasound services are provided, GIG Radiology Pty Ltd will have a policy that meets the requirements of the Therapeutic Goods Order No. 54 – Standard for Disinfectants and Sterilants or equivalent.
- The Practice Principal (or nominated delegate) of GIG Radiology Pty Ltd is responsible for the overall quality and safety compliance of the practice. Incidents of an infection control breach must be immediately reported to the Practice Principal (or nominated delegate) and the designated staff supervisor. All reported incidents will be investigated and a review of existing infection control procedures will be conducted by the designated staff supervisor. Reports and actions arising from the review of procedures will be communicated to GIG Radiology Pty Ltd Practice Principal (or nominated delegate) and staff.
- GIG Radiology Pty Ltd regularly conducts risk management assessments of all diagnostic imaging procedures for potential transmission of infectious agents and provides orientation and training to all staff on infection control for all new diagnostic imaging procedures and/or changes to existing diagnostic imaging procedures.

Procedure

Our infection control procedure is to ensure:

- Staff are educated on infection control issues relevant to the operation of the practice.
- Occupational Health and Safety Laws are adhered to at all times.
- Correct procedures are followed in regard to Hand Hygiene, Safe Sharps Management, Management at Blood and Body Fluid Exposure, Cleaning of Equipment and the Practice Environment and Waste Management.
- Incident Reporting and Corrective Action is documented within the Quality Improvement Register (ref. Quality Improvement Register).
- Consumer-specific information is located at the practice.
- Staff orientation and training in infection control procedures is a documented process.