

1 10A NCAC 13D .2209 is ~~adopted~~ amended with changes as published in NCR 26:15, pp. 1077-1081, as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13D .2209 INFECTION CONTROL**

4 (a) ~~The~~ A facility shall establish and maintain an infection control program for the purpose of providing a safe,  
5 clean and comfortable environment and preventing the transmission of diseases and infection.

6 (b) Under the infection control program, the facility shall decide what procedures, such as isolation techniques, are  
7 needed for individual patients, investigate episodes of infection and attempt to control and prevent infections in the  
8 facility.

9 (c) The facility shall maintain records of infections and of the corrective actions taken.

10 (d) The facility shall ensure communicable disease ~~screening, testing including tuberculosis, as required by 10A~~  
11 NCAC 41A, "Communicable Disease Control" which is incorporated by reference, including subsequent  
12 amendments. Copies of these Rules may be obtained at no charge by contacting the N.C. Department of Health and  
13 Human Services, Division of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch, 1902 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North  
14 Carolina 27699-1902. Screening shall be done upon ~~prior to~~ admission of all patients being admitted from settings  
15 other than hospitals, nursing facilities or combination facilities; facilities. prior to or upon admission for all patients  
16 admitted from hospitals, nursing facilities and combination facilities; and Staff shall be screened within seven days  
17 upon the hiring of all staff. of the hire date. The facility shall ensure tuberculosis screening annually thereafter for  
18 patients and ~~staff~~ staff, ~~as required by 10A NCAC 41A, "Communicable Disease Control" which is incorporated by~~  
19 ~~reference, including subsequent amendments. Copies of these Rules may be obtained at no charge by contacting the~~  
20 ~~N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control Branch, 1902~~  
21 ~~Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1902. Identification of a communicable disease does not, in all~~  
22 ~~cases, in and of itself, preclude admission to the facility.~~

23 (e) All cases of reportable disease as defined by 10A NCAC 41A "Communicable Disease Control" and ~~epidemic~~  
24 ~~outbreaks, and poisonings outbreaks consisting of two or more linked cases of disease transmission~~ shall be reported  
25 ~~immediately~~ to the local health department.

26 (f) The facility shall ~~isolate~~ use isolation precautions for any patient deemed appropriate by ~~the~~ its infection control  
27 ~~program.~~ program and as recommended by the following Centers for Disease Control guidelines, Management of  
28 Multidrug-Resistant Organisms In Healthcare Settings, 2006,  
29 <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/ar/MDROGuideline2006.pdf> and 2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions:  
30 Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings,  
31 <http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/2007ip/2007isolationprecautions.html>.

32 (g) The facility shall prohibit any employee with a communicable disease or infected skin lesion from direct contact  
33 with patients or their food, if direct contact is the mode of transmission of the disease.

34 (h) The facility shall require all staff to use ~~good~~ hand washing technique as indicated in the Centers for Disease  
35 Control and Prevention "Guidelines for Hand Washing in Hospital Environmental Control," as published by the U.S.  
36 Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service which is incorporated by reference, including  
37 subsequent amendments. Copies may be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, U.S.

1 ~~Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia, 22161 for fifteen dollars and 95 cents~~  
2 ~~(\$15.95). Control, “Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings, Recommendations of the Healthcare~~  
3 ~~Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee and the HICPAC/SHEA/APIC/IDSA Hand Hygiene Task Force”.~~  
4 ~~This information can be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5116a1.htm>.~~

5 (i) All linen shall be handled, store, processed and transported so as to prevent the spread of infection.

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7 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-104; 131E-113*

8 *Eff. January 1, ~~1996~~; 1996;*

9 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2012.*