Introduction

*Forms & Checklists for Infection Prevention, Volume 2* was designed to provide additional resources for the infection preventionist (IP) from novice to expert, aiming to complete the scope of responsibilities in infection prevention begun in *Forms & Checklists for Infection Prevention, Volume 1*. The editors have selected and organized this compilation of forms, checklists, policies, and guidelines to create a convenient resource for IPs. These resources are not intended to be all inclusive—instead, they provide a variety of samples to aid IPs in creating, improving, and enhancing their infection prevention and control programs.

This second volume of resources is presented in five sections: Patient Care Policies, Department Policies, Occupational Health, Construction and Renovation, and Long-Term Care. Each section provides sample forms, policies, guidelines, and links to additional resources and background reading in Section Resources pages. The samples may be modified to meet an individual facility’s needs for their particular demographic population. Please note that every effort has been made to verify the internet links provided as resources; however, at times the location of information may change.

Infection prevention is the discipline responsible for prevention of healthcare-associated infections, dating back to the first half of the 18th century. Each passing century has given birth to new and formidable pathogen adversaries against which infection prevention continues its fight. IPs work against the spread of disease through education, prevention, and control of transmission in the healthcare environment.

The resources in this book can help IPs to create structured infection prevention programs, develop staff, patient, and visitor awareness, and promote a safe healthcare environment for patients, visitors, and staff members. These resources can also raise awareness of expanded infection prevention opportunities with collaboration between hospitals and long-term care settings to promote our vigilant efforts to prevent, reduce, and protect against both existing and emerging pathogens.

It is only through continued teamwork, collaboration, research, and education that we can be successful stewards. The IPs who shared their time, resources, and expertise hope that you will find this book useful, and that it will spark the continued motivation to communicate and share your research, accomplishments, and lessons learned as we face the future of existing and emerging infectious diseases and the continued challenges to protect our patients through prevention and control.

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