Risk Assessment

Developing an Infection Prevention plan
Success Depends on Preparation and Planning
OBJECTIVES:

• Identify at risk services, populations, and procedures at your hospital
• Construct an IC Risk Assessment for your facility
Why Perform an Annual Risk Assessment

• Helps focus IC activities on those tasks most essential to reducing critical infection control risks
• Changes to guidelines related to infection control and prevention from CDC and other agencies and professional organizations.
• New IP need to do this to understand the processes and working of their hospital and identify greatest priority for surveillance.
• If you are new to the IP job, be sure and perform the risk assessment. Don’t rely on the previous IP.
• Make it your own
Goal of an Effective IC Program

• Reduce risk of acquisition and transmission of health care-associated infections (HAIs)
  – Design and scope of program is based on risk that organization faces related to acquisition and transmission of infectious disease

• The Joint Commission Standard IC Program identifies risks for transmission of infectious agents on an ongoing basis
  – Review it monthly/quarterly/annually
The Joint Commission

- **IC.01.03.01** The hospital identifies risks for acquiring and transmitting infections.
- **EP1** The hospital identifies risks for acquiring and transmitting infections based on the following: Its geographic location, community, and population served.
- **EP2** The hospital identifies risks for acquiring and transmitting infections based on the following: The care, treatment, and services it provides.
- **EP3** The hospital identifies risks for acquiring and transmitting infections based on the following: The analysis of surveillance activities and other infection control data.
- **EP4** The hospital reviews and identifies its risks at least annually and whenever significant changes occur with input from, at a minimum, infection control personnel, medical staff, nursing, and leadership.
- **5** The hospital prioritizes the identified risks for acquiring and transmitting infections. These prioritized risks are documented.
Assumptions of Risks

- Risk is inherent to people and processes
- Not all risk is equal
  - High incidence – low risk (urinary tract infection)
  - Low incidence – high risk (influenza pandemic)
- Balance data and experience to determine risk and priorities
What is a Risk Assessment

• Assessment performed to determine potential threats associated with equipment and devices, treatments, location and patient population served, procedures, employees, and environment.

  • Examples
    – Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) Construction
    – TB Risk Assessment (Category of TB risk for your hospital)
    – Bloodborne Pathogen Job Risk Category
    – Hospital Surveillance Risk Assessment ****
Performing the IC Risk Assessment

**Leadership Hospital Strategic Goals**

- Identify Risk Targets
- Community/Geographic area
- Hospital services
- Population demographics
- Historical Data
- Input from Key Leaders
  - Inf Prevention Committee
  - Executive Leadership
  - RT, Lab, Nurs, Surg Serv
  - City Health Dept
  - Surgeons/ Physicians

**Risk Assessment**

- Establish Priorities From assessment Of Data
- Use Non Biased Point System to narrow down critical priorities
- Surveillance Data Review
  - Benchmark with NHSN
  - Compare with Past Historical Areas of concern

**Input from Key Leaders**
Identifying Risks

• Identifying Risks for acquisition and transmission of Infectious Agents – Select Targets or Groups
  – External (Call Health Dept as Resource)
    • Community-related Flood/Hurricane area; Large immigrants
    • Disaster-related
    • Community outbreaks of transmissible diseases
    • Location issues Tornados, Floods, Hurricane, Ticks
  – Internal
    • Patient related (Pedi, Geriatric, Womens/Children, Surg)
    • Employee related
    • Equipment/device related
    • Environment related
    • Treatment Related
External Risks

• Community outbreaks of transmissible diseases
• Review your reportable ask Health Dept about city trends
• To find your individual Community information:
  GO to DSHS
  http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/
  Click Data and Reports
  http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/datareports.shtm
  Click Center for Health Statistics
  http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/default.shtm
Texas Department of State Health Services

Center for Health Statistics

The Portal for Comprehensive Health Data in Texas

The DSHS Center for Health Statistics was established to provide a convenient access point for health-related data for Texas. Our objective is to be a source of information for assessment of community health and for public health planning. Our data are used to support research, grant applications and policy development and to provide rapid needs response to health emergencies. We also offer technical assistance in the appropriate use of the data we provide, and in the development of innovative techniques for data dissemination. We support the development and application of consistent standards for privacy and statistical validity.

Through the links on the sidebar, and within these pages, you will find statistics on vital events like birth and death, population and demographic information, geographic material and survey data on risk factors and disease prevalence. We also provide information on supply trends for health professions, including nurses, as well as hospital discharge records, and surveys of Texas hospital facilities and charity and community benefits.

We respond to requests for data from a variety of users, both inside the Agency and external stakeholders. If you can not find what you need on these pages, or have suggestions for improvement, please use the contact information in the sidebar to let us know.

What’s New at CHS?

[Image of Texas map]
Sample in Handouts
Internal Risks
Patient Related Risks

- Characteristics and behaviors of populations served
  - Type of patients
    - Women and Children
    - Adult acute care
    - Ambulatory Surgical
    - Service mix
    - Medicare patient mix
    - Special Needs Populations
      - Behavioral Health
      - Long Term Care
      - Rehab
Employee-Related Risks

- Sharp or Exposure rate
- Transmission based Exposure
- Knowledge understanding of disease transmission and prevention
- Degree of compliance with infection prevention techniques
- Inadequate screening for transmissible diseases
- Influenza Participation Rate
Procedure-Related Risks

- Degree of invasiveness
  - CABG vs Cataract or Plastics
- Scopes, Endoscopic, Robotic Surgery
  - Special cleaning of all
- Risk Related Operations
  - Bariatric, Colon, Transplants
- Adequate preparation of patient
  - Education, Preoperative bathing, Nasal cultures
- Adherence to recommended prevention techniques
MDRO in Community and Hospital

- Partner with Lab to review Antibiogram
- Look at # of MDRO per 1000 patient admissions per year is it increasing/decreasing:
  - MRSA (community and HAI)
  - VRE (community and HAI)
  - *C. difficile* (community and HAI)
  - *Acinetobacter/CRE* (community and HAI)
  - *Example:*
    - 250cs of MRSA
    - 50,000 pt admissions = .006 X 1000 = yearly avg of 6 MRSA cs/1000 pt admissions
Reviewing all Data for Risk Assessment

• Try to review in one spreadsheet to analyze all data
• Sample form in handout
• Can include Risk Assessment and Prioritization Grid in same document
Strategies for Success

• Involve leadership for support and endorsement
  – Educate leadership, RT, Nursing, Pharmacy, Lab
  – Plan appointed time to meet for added information,
  – Involve patient safety and PI staff to help
  – Documentation for additional FTE
• Take time to develop good methods and use evidence based literature
• Include community resources for data and information
  – Local Health Dept is a great resource
• Conduct risk assessment based on
  – Populations served
  – High-volume, high-risk procedures
  – Community risks
Once the risk assessment is completed: Determine Priorities for coming year

- Place importance on a change in risks that need to be considered for review and update
- New surgical procedures?
- MD and Nursing input
- Nursing one page needs assessment
- Use data to determine spike seen in
- surveillance for the year
- Comparison with previous year and NHSN
Determine Priorities for coming year

• Place importance on a change in risks that need to be considered for review and update
  – New surgical procedures
  – New services
  – Stakeholder input (MDs, nursing, lab, respiratory, environmental services, etc.)
  – Needs assessment or gap analysis
  – Use data to determine spike seen in surveillance for the year
  – Comparison with previous year and NHSN
Rules of Prioritizing Surveillance

• Review your assessment –
  – What are your biggest patient safety issue
  – What is Leadership “Buzz Word”
  – What are your biggest employee safety issue
  – What areas need improvement
  – What things can be changed by focus and surveillance. (ex. UTI low focus for some hospitals)
  – Be Realistic… Plan for success/not failure
  – Prioritize to assure the most critical areas are completed
PRIORITIZE

• Prioritize using a grid with importance
  – Probability of occurrence
  – Impact
  – Importance to Pt Safety and Organization
• Prioritized grid will take out biases
• Prioritize using Team input not just you
• Prioritize knowing the number of FTE that will be completing surveillance
Priority – Goal - Objective

- **Priority from Risk Assessment (identified as a concern):** Total Knee, CABG and Hernia services above NHSN or elevated above historical data
- **TJC Required Goal:** Minimize risk associated with procedures, medical devices
- **CMS Reporting Requirements:** CLABSIs, CAUTIs, surgical procedures, etc.
- **Organization Goal:** Reduce Surgical Site Infections
- **Objective:** Reduce CABG, Total Knee and Hernia SSI by at least 25% by December 2014
- **Strategy:** Identify and implement evidence-based procedures to minimize SSI. Ex SCIP bundles, Decolonization of surgical patients.
- **Evaluation:** Report SSI rates quarterly to IPC, Exec Staff, surgery department and surgery physician section quarterly
## Priority becomes Goals

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Moving from Risk Assessment to Priorities to Planning
The Importance of Planning

In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable."

D. Eisenhower
IC.01.05.01 The hospital has an infection prevention and control plan.

- Evidence based or National consensus
- Description of prioritized risks
- Statement of goals and objectives
- Description of strategies to minimize risk
- Evaluation of strategies and plan
- Everyone is knowledgeable about plan
- Infections are reported
- Outbreaks are investigated
- Written plan exists
IC Plan Contents

• Mission Vision of Program

• Infection Control Program
  – Structure, Processes, Scope of Services
  – Relationship/reporting to patient safety and quality
  – Evidence-based (CDC APIC CMC NHSN TJC)
  – Risk Assessment – can be a summary
Core TJC Interventions You Don’t Want to Leave Out

• 1. Organization wide hand hygiene program
• 2. Reduction of infection from procedures, medical equipment and devices (surveillance/sterilization)
• 3. Minimize potential for transmission (Isolation/construction)
• 4. Screening all staff, volunteers, LIP for immunity to infectious disease with potential exposure
• 5. Referral for assessment, testing immunization for those who have, have been exposed to infectious disease
• 6. Minimize risk from animals in healthcare organizations
• 7. Influenza Participation Program
Other Contents of IC Plan

• Surveillance Program
• Education
• Consultation
• Relationship with Environment of Care
• Role in EM Preparedness
• Occupational Health
• Program Evaluation Process and Timing
• Other
Summary: Putting it all together

- **Risk Assessments**
  - Focus on Crucial activities to reduce risk of infection
  - Align IC department with Hospital Goals
  - Teamwork – Partner with others for crucial information (The I in IP stands for infection)
  - Needs assessment bottom line staff/physicians
  - Must be reviewed and revised based with any hospital changes
Summary: Putting it all together

• **Written Infection Control Plans:**
  – Include goals and objectives for prevention of infections based on risks identified in using risk assessment process
  – Provide strategies to be used to reach goals
  – Are reviewed and updated at a minimal of yearly
  – Are the basis for IC program annual report