



Ear, Nose, & Throat Surgery Center

Infection Prevention

Infection Prevention is a key process at ENTSC. The Center has had no facility acquired infections and out of over 7000 cases only two reported infections. The Center has implemented process for the prevention, monitoring and reporting of infections. The information below outlines those processes and our mutual responsibility in the management of infections.

Prevention:

- The center has a designated infection preventionist who is the Administrator in his absence the charge nurse assumes the infection prevention responsibilities.
- The center has adopted a patient safety plan, infection control plan and policy and procedures directing the Infection Prevention processes.
- Hand Hygiene is essential for the prevention of infection we have alcohol based hand scrub at each point of patient care and follow the five moments of hand hygiene and encourage all patients and visitors to practice hand hygiene.
- ENTSC screens all patients and employees for communicable disease.
- We have a respiratory station in the lobby for those with potential respiratory infection and will relocate person into a sub-waiting area who have active symptoms.
- We practice impeccable sterilization and surgical instrument processing to prevent infection.
- Based on physician orders we follow infection prophylactic protocols using antibiotics as warranted by the intended surgery.
- Surgical Asepsis during surgical procedure and surgical scrub practices with alcohol hand scrub and the use of personal protective equipment are utilized.
- These processes are reviewed and evaluated regularly via a performance improvement process to assure full compliance.

Monitoring and Reporting:

- The Center has an extensive post-surgical surveillance program to evaluate reported post-operative infections to determine their etiology.
- If your physician determines that you have a post-operative infection he/she will treat your condition.
- Your physician will evaluate and report any post-operative infections to the center to be evaluated to determine if they were facility acquired.
- If an infection is facility acquired the patient or legal representative will be notified within 5 days of the diagnosis. While the center will report these types of infection to the State you may do so also at: Southern Nevada Health District; PO Box 3902, Las Vegas, NV 89127 Phone 702-759-1000.

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