



COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARD 5

Risk Identification and Management for an Outbreak of Infectious Diseases

Conditions:

Given an infectious disease has been identified as a public health risk by the Chief Medical Officer of Health in the community.

Task:

Interview the client to determine their risk of exposure to the infectious diseases.

Standard:***Quality / Technical:***

- So that you are aware of the symptoms of the infectious disease
- So that you use a screening tool to identify clients at risk of carrying or at risk from exposure, if available
- So that you use protective barriers if the status of the client is unknown
- So that you clean the clinic area with approved antiseptic cleansers
- So that you follow any directive issued by the Province or local public health unit

Quality / Interpersonal:

- So that the client is informed of the reason for screening and precautions
- So that you provide the client with an opportunity to ask questions

Safety:

- So that clients who are at risk of carrying or at risk from exposure are not treated or are treated in isolation with all surface areas of the clinic area cleansed appropriately directly after treatment to reduce spread of the disease.
- So that a client is not discriminated against if they are from an identified at risk population.

Timing:

- Prior to the client entering the clinic space, if possible
- Prior to providing treatment

Reference:

Infection Control Guidelines for Community-based practitioners, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
Infection Control for Regulated Professionals