

## Clinical Staff Meeting Discussion Questions following completion of Basic Safety e-Learning

1. Discuss the Chain of Infection and common ways in your facility that infection might be spread.
2. Do your safety standard operating procedures agree with this training? What are the gaps? What can be done to address the gaps?
3. Discuss the personal protective equipment available to you. Is additional PPE and training needed? Who would you discuss this with?
4. Discuss hand hygiene, the single most important thing you can do to prevent the spread of infection. Is there clean water at this facility for handwashing? If not, is there hand gel? Do you make up hand gel in-house using the World Health Organization formulations?
5. Discuss your post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) routine in this facility. Who should you go to if you are injured? If that person is not available, who else could you talk to?
6. Are vaccinations available to you as an employee of this facility? If so, who should you talk to at this facility to get vaccinated, especially for Hepatitis B?
7. What cleaning supplies are available at your facility? Is bleach or other disinfecting solution readily available? How often is bleach or other disinfecting solutions made up? Are there clear directions on how to make up bleach and disinfection solutions? Review your standard procedures for sterilization and disinfection.
8. Does this facility use disposable supplies (needles and syringes, gowns, masks) or do you use supplies that must be cleaned and reused? Who disinfects and cleans if reused? Note that examination and surgical (thin) gloves should <u>never</u> be cleaned and reused because they are often damaged, putting you at great risk. For used supplies that are autoclaved, who does this sterilization? Review your procedures for sterilization and disinfection.
9. How does this facility collect waste? What color bags do you use for infectious and non-infectious waste? Are these bag colors used consistently? Do you also have colored bins? Review your segregation of waste. Talk about the "waste stream": where each kind of waste from your facility goes for final disposal.