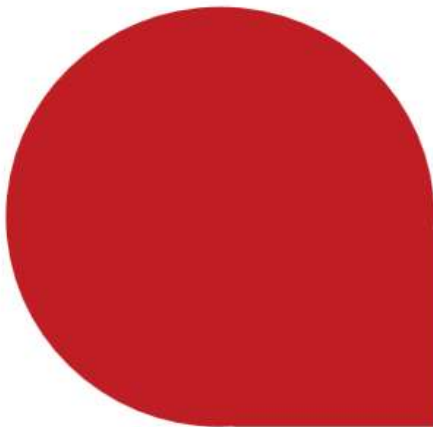




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**v1.2.1**

**Regulatory Private Acute  
Hospital Inspection tool**

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## 45 Cold Room Storage Or Holding Room

### Domain 45.2 CLINICAL GOVERNANCE AND CLINICAL CARE

#### Sub Domain 45.2.1 7 Clinical management

**Standard 45.2.1.1 7(2)** (b) A health establishment must establish and maintain systems, structures and programmes to manage clinical risk.

**Criterion 45.2.1.1.1 7 Equipment for storage and transportation of bodies are available and meet environmental hygiene standards.**

**45.2.1.1.1.1** Trolleys for transporting dead bodies are available.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

Trolley for transporting dead bodies from the units to the cold room and from the cold room to service provider transport are available. Trolleys must be rust free and clean.

Not applicable: If the health establishment does not have a cold room storage or holding room

Score	Comment

**Criterion 45.2.1.1.2 7 The management of the deceased must be compliant with relevant legislation.**

**45.2.1.1.2.1** A policy or standard operating procedure or procedure or guideline for the management of deceased bodies in the cold room storage or holding room is available.

**Assessment type:** Document - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

The aspects listed below are included and explained in the policy or standard operating procedure or procedure or guideline. Score 1 if the aspect is included and explained, score 0 if it is not included or included but not explained. The document must as minimum comply with the following requirements: Title of the document, Name of the health establishment or hospital group, signed and dated by the relevant authority responsible for approving the document, designation of the approver, date of implementation or approval, date of next review. Documents must be reviewed regularly up to the maximum of every 5 years. Document could be from the corporate head office. The document can be manual or electronic. The information may be detailed in a single document or in several documents.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Storage of bodies		
2. Period for storage of deceased bodies		

3. Removal of bodies		
4. Transportation of bodies		
5. Procedure for identification of bodies		

**45.2.1.1.2.2** All bodies in the cold room storage or holding room are identified.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

In the cold storage room or holding room, select three bodies and verify whether they are wearing identity bands. Score 1 if the bodies are identified and labelled and 0 if not identified or not labelled.

Not applicable: If the health establishment does not have a cold room storage or holding room.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Body 1		
2. Body 2		
3. Body 3		

**Sub Domain 45.2.2 8** Infection prevention and control programmes

**Standard 45.2.2.1 8(1)** The health establishment must maintain an environment, which minimises the risk of disease outbreaks, the transmission of infection to users, health care personnel and visitors.

**Criterion 45.2.2.1.1 8(2)(a)** The health establishment must ensure that there are hand washing facilities in every service area.

**45.2.2.1.1.1** Hand washing facilities are available in the cold room storage or holding room.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Inspect the hand washing facilities for the items listed below. Hand washing facilities can be in the nearby vicinity. Score 1 if the item is available and 0 if not available. Not applicable if the health establishment does not have a cold room storage or holding room.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Hand washing basin. Explanatory note: The basin should not be blocked, broken, or have cracks.		
2. Poster on correct hand washing technique		
3. Poster on correct use of alcohol-based hand rub. Explanatory note: Posters must be placed at strategic places and above alcohol dispensers in the unit as stipulated in page 33 of Practical Manual for Implementation of IPC Strategic framework March 2020.		
4. Taps		
5. Running water		
6. Plain liquid soap		
7. Paper towels		

8. Paper towel dispenser		
9. Bin		
10. Alcohol based hand rub.		

**Criterion 45.2.2.1.2 8(2)(d) The health establishment must ensure that health care personnel are protected from acquiring infections through the use of personal protective equipment and prophylactic immunisations.**

**45.2.2.1.2.1** Cold room storage or holding room personnel have access to and use appropriate personal protective equipment when carrying out their duties.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Verify whether cold room storage of holding room personnel are wearing personal protective equipment for the tasks they are performing, including wearing it correctly. Score 1 if the items are available and worn and 0 if not available or not worn. Not applicable where the health establishment does not have a cold room storage or holding room.

Score	Comment

Unit 1 Personal protective equipment-check availability

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Gloves(Non-sterile)		
2. Waterproof aprons		
3. Face masks		
4. Protective eyewear (goggles or face shields)		

Unit 2 Healthcare personnel 1-worn

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Gloves(Non-sterile)		
2. Waterproof aprons		
3. Face masks		
4. Protective eyewear (goggles or face shields)		

Unit 3 Healthcare personnel 2-worn

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Gloves(Non-sterile)		
2. Waterproof aprons		
3. Face masks		
4. Protective eyewear (goggles or face shields)		

**Sub Domain 45.2.3 9 Waste management**

**Standard 45.2.3.1 9(1)** The health establishment must ensure that waste is handled, stored, and disposed of safely in accordance with the law.

**Criterion 45.2.3.1.1 9(2)(a)** The health establishment must have appropriate waste containers at the point of waste generation.

**45.2.3.1.1.1** The cold room storage or holding room has appropriate containers for disposal of waste.

**Assessment type:** Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Verify whether the waste containers listed below are available. All health care risk waste containers must have an appropriate international infectious hazard label as prescribed in SANS 10248-1: Management of Health Care Waste, Part 1: Management of healthcare risk waste from a health facility. Score 1 if the waste container is available and 0 if not available. Score Not applicable if the health establishment does not have a cold room storage or holding room.

Score	Comment		
Aspects	Score	Comment	
1. Infectious non-anatomical waste (red)			
2. General waste (black, beige, white or transparent packaging may be used)			

### Official Sign-Off

The National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003) provides for quality requirements and standards in respect of health services provided by health establishments to the public. The main objective is to promote and protect the health and safety of the users of health services and contribute to improved outcomes and improved population health.

To achieve this mandate standardised inspection tools aligned to Norms and Standards Regulations applicable to different categories of health establishments promulgated by the Minister of Health in 2018 have been developed for Private Acute Hospitals.

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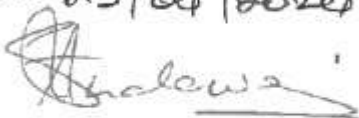
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