



Regulatory Regional Hospital Inspection Tool v1.3



Occupational Health and Safety



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4 Occupational Health and Safety

Domain 4.2 CLINICAL GOVERNANCE AND CLINICAL CARE

Sub Domain 4.2.1 6 User health records and management

Standard 4.2.1.1 6(1) The health establishment must ensure that health records of health care users are protected, managed and kept confidential in line with section 14, 15 and 17 of the Act.

Criterion 4.2.1.1.1 6(2)(c) The health establishment must secure health records with appropriate security control measures in the records storage area and in the clinical service area in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). **4.2.1.1.1.1** The health records storage area complies with the requirements listed below.

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

Inspect the room or area used to store occupational health records to verify whether it complies with the requirements listed below. Score 1 if compliant and 0 if not compliant.

Score	Comment	
Aspects		
	Score	Comment

1. Access control measures are in place Explanatory note: This may include, but need not be limited to, a functional and monitored lockable security gate, strong room door, access-controlled door or CCTV. or book to sign off before and after visiting the records storage area, or password where electronic records are kept.		
2. Shelves or cabinets are labelled correctly according to the approved standardised filing system		
3. Storage area is kept clean and dust free		
4. Storage is free of rodents and other pests		

Standard 4.2.1.2 6(5) The health establishment must have a formal process to be followed when obtaining informed consent from the user.

Criterion 4.2.1.2.1 6 The health establishment must ensure that confidential information or user identifiable data is not divulged without prior consent as per legislation.

4.2.1.2.1.1 Consent is obtained from a user before user-identifiable information is communicated to the third party.

Assessment type: Patient record audit - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Select three health records from the previous 12 months of users (healthcare personnel) who have given consent to release their identifiable information to a third party, including, but not limited to, lawyers, insurance companies and statutory bodies. Score 1 if a signed consent form is available and 0 if not. Score NA (not applicable) where no such requests have been made in the past 12 months.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. User health record 1		
2. User health record 2		
3. User health record 3		

Sub Domain 4.2.2 7 Clinical management

Standard 4.2.2.1 7(1) The health establishment must establish and maintain clinical management systems, structures and procedures that give effect to national policies and guidelines.

Criterion 4.2.2.1.1 7 Healthcare providers are informed on the health establishment and their specific responsibilities.

4.2.2.1.1.1 Health care personnel have been informed about the Standard Operating Procedures of the unit and health establishment.

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

Documented evidence that personnel have been informed about the Standard Operating Procedures of the unit and health establishment must be available. This could include but is not limited to distribution lists which include personnel signatures to indicate they have read and understood the document (which must be dated and signed), proof of attendance at meetings where policies, guidelines and standard operating procedures are discussed, or similar evidence for electronic distribution. Score 1 if such evidence is available and score 0 if it is not available.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment

1. Confidentiality of health records		
2. User consent when sharing user-identifiable information with a third party		
3. Compensation for occupational injuries and diseases		
4. Management of Occupational safety in relation to waste Management		

Domain 4.4 GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Sub Domain 4.4.1 20 Occupational health and safety

Standard 4.4.1.1 20(1) The health establishment must comply with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993.

Criterion 4.4.1.1.1 20(2)(a) An active Health and Safety Committee ensures a safe working environment

4.4.1.1.1.1 The terms of reference of the occupational health and safety committee are available.

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

Verify whether the aspects listed below are included and explained in the terms of reference. Score 1 if the aspect is included and explained and 0 if not included or not explained.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Interdisciplinary membership required		
2. Roles and responsibilities of each member		
3. All appointed health and safety representatives trained.		
4. Committee meetings held quarterly as a minimum		
5. Quorum for the committee		

4.4.1.1.1.2 An occupational health risk assessment has been conducted in all areas of the health establishment in the previous two years.

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

A risk assessment is the process or method of identifying hazards and risk factors that have the potential to cause harm to users and personnel. Inspect the health risk assessment from the previous two years as guided by National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH) to verify whether the hazards and risks listed below have been considered. Score 1 if the aspect is compliant and 0 if not compliant.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Chemical hazards		
2. Physical hazards		

3. Biological hazards		
4. Ergonomic hazards		
5. Psychosocial hazards Reference: https://www.nioh.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/RiskAssessment-Guideline-General-Workplaces-vf-010520.pdf		

4.4.1.1.1.3 Risks identified during the risk assessment are categorised and risk rated.

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

All risks identified must be documented in a risk register and categorised according to agreed criteria, including, but not limited to, the area of the health establishment, type of risk and mitigation actions required. They must be risk rated using a method appropriate for occupational health and safety risks. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.1.4 Risk mitigation plans are implemented for all significant risks.

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

All risks rated as significant must be controlled by the development and implementation of risk mitigation plans. Documented evidence must be available of identified risks and the implementation of mitigating actions. The documented evidence may include, but need not be limited to, reports such as hazard identification and risk assessment reports, a quality improvement plan or minutes of meetings in which risk management is discussed, which must be signed and dated. Not applicable: Where no risks were identified.

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.1.5 The occupational health and safety committee discusses analysed data from occupational risk monitoring activities.

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

Manual or electronic minutes from the previous quarterly meeting of the occupational health and safety committee must be dated and signed, and include an attendance register and agenda. The content must reflect discussions on occupational risk monitoring activities. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

Criterion 4.4.1.1.2 20 The health and safety committee must ensure appropriate management of occupational health and safety incidents.

4.4.1.1.2.1 Incidents/accidents and/or near misses are reported to the manager and the health and safety representative by the end of the shift or within 24 hours.

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

The register and reports must indicate that all incidents/accidents/near misses have been reported by the end of a shift or within 24 hours. Not applicable: Where no incidents/accidents/near misses have occurred.

Score	Comment

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4.4.1.1.2.2 Occupational diseases are recorded on WCL1 (First Medical Report of an Occupational Exposure) forms and submitted to the human resources department.

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

A copy of submitted forms must be retained by the occupational health service. Not applicable: Where no occupational diseases have been diagnosed in the previous 12 months or where no OHS services are available onsite.

Score	Comment

Criterion 4.4.1.1.3 20 Information regarding occupational health and safety matters must be readily available to employees.

4.4.1.1.3.1 Health care workers are informed about the process to access vaccines.

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

Health care workers must have access to relevant vaccines, which include but is not limited to HEP B, COVID 19, FLU. Documented evidence that the process to access the vaccines was communicated to health care workers must be available. It must be dated and signed. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.3.2 Occupational Health and Safety Act and relevant regulations are available.

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

Verify whether the documents listed below are available. Score 1 if available and 0 if not available.

Score	Comment

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Hazardous biological agents (HBA) regulations		
2. Hazardous chemical Agents (HCA). Ref: https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/202103/44348rg11263gon280.pdf		
3. General Occupational safety regulations (GSR)		
4. General administrative regulations (GAR)		

Criterion 4.4.1.1.4 20 A medical surveillance plan for at-risk personnel must be implemented, based on a health risk assessment.

4.4.1.1.4.1 Medical surveillance are conducted on healthcare personnel at high risk due to occupational exposure.

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

Occupational exposures requiring medical surveillance are conducted on high-risk employee. (e.g. radiation/noisy areas). The medical surveillance programme must include the aspects listed below. The documents must include detailed explanations of how each stage of the programme is to be implemented. Score 1 if the aspect is included and explained and 0 if not included or not explained.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Documentation of occupational exposures requiring medical surveillance		
2. Documentation of employees exposed to occupational hazards requiring surveillance		
3. Schedule of examinations required for each occupational hazard, which will include baseline and/or pre-employment examination, periodic examinations for the duration of employment and exit examinations on leaving employment.		
4. Recall system to ensure all employees requiring medical surveillance are notified to attend medical surveillance reviews		
5. Follow-up system for employees who fail to attend their periodic screening appointments		
6. Screening tests required for each occupational hazard requiring medical surveillance		
7. Clinical guidelines for the management of screening results		
8. Documentation of the system for requesting, reviewing and acting on screening results		

Criterion 4.4.1.1.5 20 The health and safety committee must ensure effective management of reported health and safety incidents.

4.4.1.1.5.1 Occupational health and safety incidents including near misses are recorded in a register.

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

Request the register and verify whether it complies with the aspects listed below. Closed cases/incidents logged in the register must contain the details as indicated below. The register may be manual or electronic. All columns in the register must be completed. In cases where no serious patient safety incidents occurred, zero reporting must be done. Score 1 if compliant and 0 if not compliant.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Summarised description of incident		
2. Summary of investigation conducted		
3. Outcome of investigation		
4. Recommendation/s		
5. Date recommendation/s implemented		

4.4.1.1.5.2 Investigations into reported incidents and near misses are completed within thirty days of the incident being reported.

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

The rapid investigation of an incident will enable the rapid identification of its causes, which in turn will allow rapid control of risks and prevent the future occurrence of similar incidents. Not applicable: Where no occupational health and safety incidents have been reported.

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.5.3 Action is taken to address gaps identified in the investigation of occupational health and safety incidents.

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

Such action will prevent the recurrence of occupational health and safety incidents. Not applicable: Where no gaps have been identified.

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.5.4 Accidents resulting in an injury are recorded in WCL2 forms and submitted to the human resources department.

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

A copy of submitted forms must be retained by the occupational health service. Not applicable: Where no accidents resulting in an injury has been recorded in the previous 12 months or where no OHS services are available onsite

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.5.5 First medical reports for Occupational disease (W.CL.22) are available.

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

W.Cl.22, First Medical report in respect of an occupational disease compensation for occupational injuries and diseases) forms are completed and submitted to the human resources department or other relevant authority. A copy of submitted forms must be retained by the occupational health service. Not applicable: Where no occupational diseases have been diagnosed in the previous 12 months or where no OHS services are available onsite.

Score	Comment

Criterion 4.4.1.1.6 20 Measures must be in place to minimise the incidence of critical occupationally acquired injuries and diseases.

4.4.1.1.6.3 Health care personnel at risk have been offered prophylactic immunisations/vaccinations for high-risk infections.

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

To protect health care personnel against high-risk infections, prophylactic immunisations/vaccinations must be offered to all workers at risk. Records must be kept of all health care workers offered immunisations/vaccinations, all immunisations/vaccinations administered, or refusal of immunisations/vaccinations.. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

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4.4.1.1.6.4 The actions listed below are taken and documented where health care workers have refused prophylactic immunisations offered.

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

Review the evidence provided for the aspects listed below. Score 1 if compliant and 0 if not compliant. Score not applicable where there is no health worker who refused prophylactic immunisations.

Score	Comment

Unit 1 Health care worker record 1

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. The refusal is documented in the human resources record of the health care worker concerned		
2. The refusal is signed by the health care provider who offered the immunisation		

Unit 2 Health care worker record 2

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. The refusal is documented in the human resources record of the health care worker concerned		
2. The refusal is signed by the health care provider who offered the immunisation		

Unit 3 Health care worker record 3

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. The refusal is documented in the human resources record of the health care worker concerned		
2. The refusal is signed by the health care provider who offered the immunisation		

4.4.1.1.6.5 Correct personal protective equipment for each relevant risk has been determined.

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

Risks identified during the risk assessment that can be controlled by personal protective equipment must be followed by the identification of the correct personal protective equipment to be used and the minimum specifications for the personal protective equipment for procurement purposes. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.6.6 Personal protective equipment procured meets minimum specification requirements.

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

Risks identified during the risk assessment that can be controlled by personal protective equipment must be followed by the identification of the correct personal protective equipment to be used and the minimum specifications for personal protective equipment for procurement purposes. The specifications must be made available to supply chain structures to ensure procurement of appropriate personal protective equipment. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.6.7 The health establishment has a reporting system in place for needlestick or sharps injuries or other incidents related to the failure of standard precautions.

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

The system used at the health establishment for reporting these incidents must be documented. Registers, reports or specific forms may be used for this purpose. The system may be manual or electronic. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.6.8 Health care personnel who experience needlestick or sharps injuries receive counselling

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

Documented evidence must be available to demonstrate that health care personnel who have had a needlestick or sharps injury receive counselling. Not applicable: Where no needlestick or sharps injuries have been reported.

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.6.9 Health care personnel who experience needlestick or sharps injuries receive post-exposure prophylaxis.

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

Documented evidence must be available to demonstrate that health care personnel who have had a needlestick or sharps injury receive prophylaxis in accordance with nationally approved guidelines. Not applicable: Where no needlestick or sharps injuries have been reported.

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.6.10 Health care personnel who experience needlestick or sharps injuries have been retested for bloodborne diseases.

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

Active follow-up of cases must be implemented to ensure early diagnosis and effective treatment for personnel who develop a blood-borne disease. There must be evidence of a recall system for personnel and follow-up of those who fail to report for retesting. Documented evidence of retesting for affected personnel members must be available. Not applicable: Where no needlestick or sharps injuries have been reported.

Score	Comment

Criterion 4.4.1.1.7 20 The health establishment must have a disaster management plan in place, which is communicated to health care personnel and tested annually.

4.4.1.1.7.1 An internal disaster plan management plan is available.

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

Internal disaster/emergency plan emergencies refer to incidents within the health establishment including, but not limited to, fire, bomb scares, building collapse. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.7.2 An external disaster management plan is available.

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

External disasters refers to major incidents happening outside the health establishment including, but not limited to, road traffic accidents involving a large number of people, train crashes and mass shootings, or natural disasters including, but not limited to, floods and earthquakes. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

4.4.1.1.7.3 The health establishment conducts annual drills to test the effectiveness of its disaster plan.

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

The health establishment must have a co-ordinated and effective response to a disaster by ensuring that all personnel members are aware of their responsibilities and familiar with the tasks they must perform. Documented evidence of the drill must be available, detailing the nature of the disaster, listing the participants and describing the response to the situation. All drills listed below must have been carried out in the previous year. Request the report of the disaster drills conducted in the previous 12 months. Verify whether the report includes all aspects of the plans for the situations listed below. Score 1 for each aspect tested and 0 for each aspect not tested.

Score	Comment	
Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Emergency (e.g. Major car accident)		
2. Disease outbreak		
3. Fire		
4. Natural disaster		

Criterion 4.4.1.1.8 20 A programme for the prevention and control of respiratory infections must be in place.

4.4.1.1.8.1 Respirators are fit-tested for relevant healthcare personnel.

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

Fit testing is recommended to ensure an adequate fit and maximum protection and to prevent air leaks around the edges of the respirator. Face types and shapes differ, as do designs of respirators. Once the correct respirator has been selected, further fit testing is not necessary if the same type of respirator is used and the wearer's face has not changed due to significant weight loss or gain. Request a record of personnel for whom fit testing has been carried out. The records must be signed and dated. Not applicable: Never

Score	Comment

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Criterion 4.4.1.1.9 20 Responsibilities in terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act must be assigned in writing.

4.4.1.1.9.1 Responsible persons are designated by means of signed letters of appointment that outline their responsibilities.

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

Request the occupational health and safety file to verify whether the aspects listed below are available. Score 1 if the aspect is available and 0 if not available.

Score	Comment

Aspects	Score	Comment

1. The CEO of the health establishment has been assigned duty for occupational health and safety by the relevant authority, in accordance with Section 16.2 of the Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act No. 181 of 1993		
2. Section 17.1 appointments have been made for all health and safety representatives by the Manager or CEO of the health establishment		
3. The manager or CEO of the health establishment has appointed a health and safety committee in writing in accordance with Section 19 of the Act		
4. A copy of the appointment letter is on file for each designated member, signed by the appointee and the manager		
5. The terms of office of the health and safety committee are indicated in writing in each appointment letter		
6. The roles and responsibilities of the health and safety committee are detailed in the appointment letter		
7. Each designated member has his/her roles and responsibilities detailed in an appointment letter		
8. One health and safety representative is appointed for every 50 employees. Explanatory note: Request the total number of personnel within the health establishment and divide that by the total number of safety representatives/committee members to verify that one representative has been appointed for every 50 employees. Not applicable if health establishment has less than 50 employees		

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 Regional Hospitals.

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It is hereby certified that the Regulatory Regional Hospital Inspection tools version 1.3 was developed by the Office of Health Standards Compliance.

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