



*Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure*

Title: <b>HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION REPORTING</b>	Policy Number: <b>EP 7.24</b>
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**Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) to track and report all healthcare associated infections.

**Scope and Distribution:**

This policy applies and will be distributed to all Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso clinics.

**Procedure:**

1. Upon discovery of a healthcare associated infection in a patient, the responsible person (designated by the clinic) should complete a Healthcare Associated Infection Communication Form (see attachment A), and forward the report to the infection control nurse or designee.
2. The infection control nurse should use the CDC/NHSN Surveillance Definitions for Specific Types of Infections and/or Frequently Asked Questions About Surgical Site Infections as a guideline in determining whether the infection is healthcare associated or not.  
[https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/17pscNosInfDef\\_current.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/17pscNosInfDef_current.pdf).
3. The infection control nurse or designee should investigate all reports and if appropriate, complete the Infection Control Surveillance Post-Operative Patient Form (see attachment B).
4. Forward positive findings and other pertinent information to the appropriate clinic/facility for follow up and/or further investigation.

**Attachments:**

- 7.24. A - Healthcare Associated Infection Communication Form
- 7.24. B - Infection Control Surveillance Post-Operative Patient Form

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