



HOMES AND SENIORS SERVICES

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DEPARTMENT: *Infection Control*

SUBJECT: *Screening & Surveillance of Infection*

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PURPOSE:

All new admissions present a potential risk for the introduction and transmission of infections within the home. Those who have been admitted/re-admitted from the hospital are even more likely to introduce highly resistant pathogens (disease causing organisms) into the environment.

Pre-admission screening and an admission evaluation must be completed to identify and minimize the risk of infection.

- To identify individuals who have communicable diseases (diseases that can be passed from person to person or multi-resident organisms).
- To identify individuals with risk factors this may pre-dispose them to nosocomial infections.

PROCEDURE:

1. Pre-admission screening is initiated with the review of applicant information provided by Community Care Assess Centre.
2. Screening continues with evaluation upon admission within 24 hours, including:
 - Current history/physical examination with a complete past history.
 - Cultures appropriated to identify infections, including urine samples and resistant organism screening policies as applicable.
 - Tuberculosis status
 - Immunization history (should be up to date on booster).
 - Respiratory screening (Acute Respiratory Illness Tool).
3. Re-admission screening following admission to hospital, other care facility or vacation/leave of absence as appropriate.
4. Staff should utilize contact precautions when giving care until results obtained from swabs.