

Criterion 5.3.4 Infection control

Our practice manages the risk of cross infection in accordance with the current edition of the RACGP Sterilisation/disinfection guidelines for general practice.

Indicators

- ☞ A. Our GP(s) and staff can describe how our practice ensures that, where necessary, sterile equipment is used in clinical procedures (interview).
- ☞ B. Our GP(s) or staff members with designated responsibility can describe in detail how the use of sterile equipment is assured, including where relevant:
 - provision of an adequate range of disposable equipment
 - procedures for having instruments sterilised off-site
 - procedures for on-site sterilisation of equipment
 - monitoring the integrity and validation of the whole sterilisation process and steriliser maintenance
 - procedures for safe storage and stock rotation, and
 - education and training of staff involved (interview).
- ☞ C. Our GP(s) and staff can describe how risks of potential cross infection are managed within our practice, including procedures for:
 - hand hygiene
 - managing a sharps injury
 - safe storage and disposal of clinical waste including sharps
 - managing blood and body fluid spills
 - monitoring ongoing adherence to these processes (interview).
- ☞ D. Our GP(s) and staff can describe:
 - the routine used by our practice for cleaning, disinfecting and decontaminating the clinical and non-clinical areas of our practice
 - standard precautions
 - additional precautions (interview).
- ☞ E. Our practice has a written policy that outlines our practice's infection control procedures (document review).
- ☞ F. Subject to their informed consent, the immunisation status of our staff is known and staff members are offered immunisation appropriate to their duties (document review, interview).
- ☞ G. The induction of new staff to our practice ensures they are familiar with standard precautions against infection and other issues appropriate to their duties (document review, interview).