

Screening Policy for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Risk Factors

Policy

It is the policy of this facility to screen all residents not known to be infected with hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV for risk factors for these viruses.

Procedure

1. Screen residents admitted to the facility for at least 7 days for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV.
2. Offer residents identified as being at risk for hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV an opportunity to undergo laboratory testing in order to determine infection status.
3. Obtain a physician referral for testing and immunization, as needed. The physician must insure that all HIV testing is done in compliance with the AIDS Confidentiality Act.
4. Offer immunization within 10 days of admission to residents determined to be susceptible to the hepatitis B virus.
5. Document in the medical record that the resident was verbally screened for risk factors associated with hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV.
6. Document in the medical record if the resident was immunized for hepatitis B.