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| Infection control |
| Non emergency patient transport |
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# Reference

Non-Emergency Patient Transport Regulations 2016 Part 8, Regulation 46

# Introduction

Robust infection control procedures help prevents the spread of disease and help to keep staff members and patients safe. All Non-Emergency Patient Transport (NEPT) providers must develop and maintain an infection control management plan.

# Contents of the infection control management plan

The Non-Emergency Patient Transport Regulations 2016 (the regulations) identify some specific requirements of items to include and consider when formulating an infection control management plan.

## National guidelines

All infection control management plans must be developed and comply with the National Health and Medical Research Council’s Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare (2019) as published by the Commonwealth.

## Other content to include

* Identify all possible areas where there is a risk of transmission of infection and actions taken to control this risk in addition to identifying the steps to take if no action is undertaken to control the risk.
* Identify the aspects of the organisation that require ongoing infection control
* Identify the education requirements of staff involved in the provision of patient care to patients or the cleaning of vehicles
* The name and qualification(s) of the person responsible for identifying areas of risk
* Identify the mechanisms that are in place to ensure that compliance with the infection control management plan is monitored
* Set out a process for the use, disposal and laundering of linen
* The vehicle cleaning plan which must be compliant with infection control guidelines and must include a cleaning schedule and guidelines on cleaning practices.

## Timeline of review

All Infection control management plans must be reviewed annually.

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