

FACILITY: Reading Hospital	
MANUAL: Organizational (Administrative)	FOLDER: Infection Prevention and Control
TITLE: Nails (Fingernails, polish and enhancements)	DOCUMENT OWNER: Director, Epidemiology Infection Control and Prevention
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SCOPE:

Applies to Reading Hospital, Reading Hospital Rehabilitation at Wyomissing and Reading Hospital's associated Tower Health Medical Group practices.

PURPOSE:

The provide guidance to healthcare workers regarding nail and nail enhancements in the prevention of healthcare associated infections.

POLICY:

1. Artificial nails and ALL nail enhancements will not be permitted while on duty for any staff involved in direct patient care in accordance with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines for Hand Hygiene in Health Care Settings.
2. Nails should be less than ¼ inch long.

DEFINITIONS:

n/a

PROCEDURE:

n/a

GUIDELINE:

n/a

PROVIDER PROTOCOL:

n/a

EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

New Employee Orientation

REFERENCES:

APIC Text of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, 4th edition. 2014

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Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings, Jane D. Siegel, MD, et al; Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) 2007

Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings, John M. Boyce, M.D., et al; MMWR October 25, 2002; 51 (RR16): 1-56; Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) 2005

How to Guide: Improving Hand Hygiene; Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

The Joint Commission. National Patient Safety Goals

Measuring Hand Hygiene Adherence: Overcoming the Challenges, The Joint Commission 2009.

OSHA Standard 29 CFR – Blood Borne Pathogens, July 6, 1992; US Department of Labor

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www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/providers/guideline

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL APPROVALS:

Infection Prevention Committee

CANCELLATION:

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