Infection Prevention and Control Measures in Mental Health Facilities: Guidelines
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Research Question
What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding infection prevention or control measures in mental health treatment facilities?

Key Findings
No relevant evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding recommendations for infection prevention or control measures in mental health treatment facilities.

Methods
A limited literature search was conducted by an information specialist on key resources including Medline and PsycINFO via OVID, the Cochrane Library, the University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, the websites of Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused internet search. The search strategy was comprised of both controlled vocabulary, such as the National Library of Medicine’s MeSH (Medical Subject Headings), and keywords. The main search concepts were infection prevention and control methods and mental health care settings or providers. Search filters were applied to limit retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, or network meta-analyses, and guidelines. Where possible, retrieval was limited to the human population. The search was also limited to English language documents published between January 1, 2018 and April 16, 2020. Internet links were provided, where available.

Selection Criteria
One reviewer screened citations and selected studies based on the inclusion criteria presented in Table 1.

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Results

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Normally, health technology assessment reports and systematic reviews are presented first; however, in reports where guidelines are primarily sought, the aforementioned evidence types are presented in the appendix.

No relevant evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding infection prevention or control in mental health treatment facilities.

References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

Overall Summary of Findings

No relevant evidence-based guidelines were found regarding infection prevention or control measures in mental health treatment facilities; therefore no summary can be provided.

References Summarized

Guidelines and Recommendations

No literature identified.
Appendix — Further Information

Guidelines and Recommendations – Alternative Population


Clinical Practice Guidelines – Methodology Not Specified


*Mental health facilities mentioned in text


See: Primary Interventions, page 3, Secondary Interventions, page 5 to 6; Tertiary Interventions, page 9 to 13


See: Sections 4, 5, and 8.11


See: “Residential care” and “Supported living settings”


Review Articles

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Additional References


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See: Table 1