

8. ISOLATION FACILITIES

Objective: It is anticipated that animals presented to the facility may have a potentially contagious disease. In these situations, attention needs to not only be given to the wellbeing of the patient but also to the protection of other animals in contact with the facility and possibly people who may be exposed to this patient or to contaminants.

Isolation facilities include a separate area of the hospital used to isolate and accommodate hospitalized patients having or suspected of having a contagious disease and restricts contact with the other patients and team members; this may be a room or separate building where the patients are under regular monitoring.

If a practice has a dedicated isolation area it will comply with this standard.

Requirements

	YES	NO	N/A
1. The practice provides designated accommodation for the isolation of infectious and zoonotic cases where activities are restricted to providing care to contagious patients.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. There is a ventilation system in place that minimizes the risk of cross contamination from room to room.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The designated accommodation is of adequate size to hospitalize patients with contagious diseases.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The isolation facility provides for examination and treatment of patients outside of cages and runs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. When in use, the isolation facility is regularly and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Following the use of an isolation facility, all surfaces and cages must be thoroughly disinfected, and all contaminated materials must be disposed of in accordance with federal, provincial and municipal regulations for waste disposal. Surfaces in the isolation facility should be made of fluid impervious material capable of being disinfected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Only the equipment and material for the care and treatment of the current patient may be kept in the isolation facility when in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Disposable or readily disinfected clothing such as gowns, foot coverings and gloves are present and accessible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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9. All patients that have, or are suspected of having, a contagious or zoonotic disease are properly identified so that their status is obvious to all team members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. There is adequate lighting for proper patient examination and treatment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. To facilitate frequent hand washing to prevent spread of infectious diseases, a sink is located in or convenient to the isolation facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Clients and team members that are exposed to potentially zoonotic disease are informed of this fact, verbally or in writing, and a notation is made in the patient record of this communication.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notes Section: Explain how your facility meets these requirements. Describe the processes or protocols in place to have an effective isolation room when hospitalizing infectious or zoonotic cases in your facility.			