COMPLIANCE OF FACILITIES WITH INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

DESCRIPTION
An audit of whether the radiology department facilities are compliant with the infection control policy

**Standard**
All departments of radiology should have an infection control policy which clearly defines the appropriate procedures to reduce the risk of hospital acquired infection and identifies the individual responsibilities of all staff within the department (and individuals in the department comply with this policy).

**SOURCE OF STANDARD**
National legislation / European guidelines

**IMPORTANCE**
It is essential to minimise the risk of healthcare-associated infections within the department of radiology. This should cover general issues of infection control (e.g. hand washing) as well as actions specific to radiology (e.g. probe cleaning)

**TARGET**
All facilities are compliant with the policy

**INDICATOR**
% of areas compliant with the policy

**DATA TO BE COLLECTED**
Observational audit of all areas to review presence of appropriate resources to ensure infection control, including signage, washing facilities, protective aids (e.g. gloves), sterile packs, probe cleaning materials

**SAMPLE**
Review of all areas on a planned programme

**METHOD**
Analysis of results of observational audits against agreed elements of infection control

**SUGGESTED ACTIONS IF TARGET NOT MET**
- Review of written policy
- Implement appropriate changes as informed by analysis of audit

**REFERENCES**