

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
PLANNING | DESIGN | CONSTRUCTION
POLICIES AND PROCURES**

SUBJECT: INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

POLICY # PDC-008

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POLICY

To provide a comprehensive plan to assess air quality control, infection control hazards, implications, and interventions when new construction and/or renovation in the patient care setting is anticipated.

PROCEDURE

All construction and renovation projects performed in, or in proximity to, patient care areas within the Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) shall be performed in accordance with the "I. Specific Information" section of this policy and with the "Vanderbilt University Medical Center Infection Control Interventions during Construction in Patient Care Areas Policy" (IC 10-10.17). Refer to the "IV. Cross References" section of this policy for a link to the "Vanderbilt University Medical Center Infection Control Interventions during Construction in Patient Care Areas Policy".

I. Specific Information

- A. Prior to the start of any construction or renovation work in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) patient care areas the construction manager/contractor's must submit a request for an Infection Control (IC) meeting to the appropriate project Construction Coordinator from PLANNING | DESIGN | CONSTRUCTION (PDC). In addition, the Construction Coordinator with the contractors input will record the initial information on the "PROACTIVE RISK ASSESSMENT for CONSTRUCTION" form, prior to the start of construction. Attendees to the meeting will include the appropriate supervisory personnel from the construction manager/contractor, any applicable subcontractors, the PDC Construction Coordinator and authorized representatives from the VUMC Environmental Health & Safety and Infection Control departments. Except for emergency situations, this meeting should occur at least 72 hours prior to the start of any construction or renovation work.
- B. The construction manager/contractor should be prepared to discuss the following topics at the Infection Control Meeting:
 1. Project scope of work.

2. Duration of the project.
 3. Identification of the construction area.
 4. Identification of any associated work outside the construction area.
 5. Project phasing, if applicable. (The construction manager should be prepared to submit a project-phasing plan when applicable.)
 6. Contractor's Infection Control procedures and measures.
 7. Containment and Isolation set up.
- C. After the infection control meeting topics have been discussed and agreed upon by all parties, the Infection Control Permit will be issued and signed by the above referenced parties.
- D. Refer to the "Vanderbilt University Medical Center Infection Control Interventions during Construction in Patient Care Areas Policy" (IC 10-10.17) for other specific information pertaining to this policy.