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Become an Infection Control Nurse

- Pursue a career as an infection control nurse—a highly demanding and specialized area.
- Infection control nurses are the pillar behind the implementation of infection control activities in healthcare facilities.
- Have in-depth knowledge of Microbiology and infection control to prevent cross-transmission of organisms in hospital.



Golden Rules of Goal Setting

Dear Students

Here are some important tips which will help you in setting your goals in studies:

- 1. Set Goals That Motivate You: This means making sure that they are important to you, and that there is value in achieving them
- 2. Set SMART Goals
 - Specific: Your goal must be clear and well defined, not vague or generalized
 - Measurable: Goals must have measurable objectives
 - Attainable: Make sure that your goals are achievable and within your limit
 - Relevant: Will take you to the direction you want your life and career to go
 - Time Bound: You must know when you have the deadline and can celebrate success
- 3. Set Goals in Writing: Written commitment in presence of your close people (parents, close friends) will always push and remind you whenever you tend to deviate from your goal
- 4. Make an Action Plan: Do not focus only on the outcome, but make planning of all small steps that collectively take to the outcome. This is especially important if your goal is big and demanding, or long-term
- 5. Monitor Yourself: Compliance to the action plan should be monitored at least weekly (for one month goal) or monthly (for a yearly goal), depending upon your goal size.

Remember,

- "Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."
- -Winston S Churchill
- "There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed."
- —Ray Goforth



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Preface



Apurba S Sastry

It gives us immense pleasure to announce the release of *Essentials of Applied Microbiology for Nurses*. The excitement reaches its pinnacle as our sleepless nights of the last three months have come to an end.

The idea of scripting a Nursing book on Microbiology came to our mind as we received numerous requests from the Microbiology and Nursing faculties across the country to write a Microbiology book with a different approach exclusively catering to the nurses. The existing nursing books on this subject are discouraging with suboptimal matter and do not cover the infection control part, which is the most important area of Microbiology for Nurses.

Nurses are the pillar behind the success of any hospital. Their motherly care gives great relief to the patients. Proper training in Microbiology and infection control can produce competent nurses who will deliver better patient care.



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- Infection control activities: The thorough knowledge of Nurses on various aspects of infection control such as contact precautions, e.g. hand hygiene with correct indications and steps, appropriate use of PPE is of immense help to prevent cross-transmission of infection in hospital.
- Antimicrobial stewardship activities: Nurses play a crucial role in several key activities of antimicrobial stewardship such as—(1) appropriate specimen collection by correct technique and at right time, (2) apposite administration of antimicrobials in the correct dose, frequency, etc.
- Comprehensive knowledge of **sterilization and disinfection** would help the Nurses to adhere to the disinfection policy and monitor environmental cleaning protocols in the healthcare facility.

Infection Control Nurses are the functional unit of the hospital infection control and prevention (HICP) unit and are pillars behind the implementation of infection control activities in healthcare facilities. Unfortunately, there is a paucity of infection control nurses in India. Therefore having in-depth knowledge of Microbiology and infection control can help nursing students in the future to pursue their careers as infection control nurses, which is a highly demanding and specialized area.

Keeping all the above-mentioned aspects in mind, we have drafted this textbook with a very unique approach to suit the need of nursing students of India—both in their examination and in clinical practice. The book has been thoroughly framed as per the revised Indian Nursing Council Curriculum for BSc Nursing 2021.

- Divided into two parts: Applied Microbiology and Infection Control Including Safety
- Applied Microbiology Part comprises of sections: General Microbiology, Immunology, Bacterial Infections, Viral Infections, Parasitic Infections, and Fungal Infections
- **Section 1:** *General Microbiology* section is meticulously structured with the inclusion of general bacteriology, general virology, general parasitology, and general mycology chapters. General bacteriology is reorganized into a single chapter with several sub-chapters
- Section 2: *Immunology* section covers topics such as immunity, components of the immune system, immune response, antigen, antibody and complement, antigen-antibody reaction, hypersensitivity reactions and immunoprophylaxis, and national immunization schedule
- Section 3: Systematic Bacteriology section covers topics such as gram-positive cocci (Staphylococcus, Streptococcus, Pneumococcus, Enterococcus), and gram-negative cocci infections (meningococcus and gonococcus), gram-positive bacilli infections (Corynebacterium and Bacillus), anaerobic infections, mycobacteria infections, gram-negative bacilli infections (Enterobacterales, Vibrio, non-fermenters, fastidious bacteria) and others
- Section 4: Virology section covers topics such as DNA viral infections like Herpes and others, and RNA viral infections such as Myxoviruses, rubella, coronaviruses, arboviruses, rabies, polio, HIV, hepatitis viruses, Ebola, viral gastroenteritis, oncogenic viruses, and others. COVID-19, the most catastrophic disease of today's date has been addressed as a completely new chapter covering in detail.
- Section 5: Parasitology section covers topics such as Amoebae, flagellates (Giardia, Trichomonas, Leishmania, and Trypanosoma), malaria parasite (Plasmodium), coccidian parasites infections, cestode, trematode and nematode (intestinal and tissue) infections
- **Section 6:** *Mycology* section covers topics such as superficial mycoses, subcutaneous mycoses, systemic (deep) mycoses, and opportunistic fungal infections
- Section 7: Infection control section comprises of topics such as healthcare-associated infections (HAI), standard precautions including hand hygiene and PPE, transmission-based precautions, major HAI types, HAI surveillance, and infection control committee, sterilization and disinfection (Including CSSD), biomedical waste management, needle stick injury, environmental surveillance, laundry management, immunization program for healthcare workers and antimicrobial stewardship
- **Section 8:** *Applied Microbiology* section comprises of topics on various infective syndromes such as bloodstream infection, meningitis, UTI, diarrhea, respiratory infection, and others.
- A separate chapter on *Specimen Collection* has been incorporated covering in-depth various aspects of appropriate specimen collection—correct technique, adequate volume, and at the correct time (before the start of antimicrobials),
- The chapter on Practical Microbiology has been incorporated covering the various practical aspects of Microbiology and Infection Control relevant to Nurses including several problem-solving exercises
- Patient Safety and Safety Protocol for Healthcare Personnel have been added as separate chapters, which is as per the new curriculum for BSc Nurses
- Most features of the author's popular MBBS book have been maintained in this book
 - More content, less pages—saves student's time
 - Concise, bulleted format, and to-the-point text—easy to read during the examination

- Simple and lucid language—makes the understanding easy
- Separate highlight boxes—for important topics and treatment boxes for quick review.

We hope that the nursing students will relish reading this book and find it useful. We also hope that we have made a good start in addressing the varied needs of nursing students and faculties teaching microbiology for nurses with a single comprehensive book. We will feel glad to receive your valuable feedback, which will enable us to improve further.

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INC SYLLABUS

APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY AND HOSPITAL INFECTION CONTROL INCLUDING SAFETY

Placement: III SEMESTER

Theory: 2 Credits (40 hours)

Practical: 1 Credit (40 hours) (Lab/Experiential Learning – L/E)

SECTION A: APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY

Theory: 20 hours

Practical: 20 hours (Lab/Experiential Learning – L/E)

Description: This course is designed to enable students to acquire understanding of fundamentals of Microbiology, compare and contrast different microbes and comprehend the means of transmission and control of spread by various microorganisms. It also provides opportunities for practicing infection control measures in hospital and community settings.

Competencies: On completion of the course, the students will be able to:

1. Identify the ubiquity and diversity of microorganisms in the human body and the environment.

- 2. Classify and explain the morphology and growth of microbes.
- 3. Identify various types of microorganisms.
- 4. Explore mechanisms by which microorganisms cause disease.
- Develop understanding of how the human immune system counteracts infection by specific and non-specific mechanisms.
- 6. Apply the principles of preparation and use of vaccines in immunization.
- 7. Identify the contribution of the microbiologist and the microbiology laboratory to the diagnosis of infection.

COURSE OUTLINE

T – Theory, L/E – Lab/Experiential Learning

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
I	3		Explain concepts and principles of microbiology and its importance in nursing	 Introduction: Importance and relevance to nursing Historical perspective Concepts and terminology 	Lecture cum Discussion	Short answerObjective type

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
				Principles of microbiology		
II	10	10 (L/E)	Describe structure, classification morphology and growth of bacteria	General characteristics of Microbes: Structure and classification of Microbes Morphologica types Size and form of bacteria Motility	 Lecture cum Discussion Demonstration Experiential Learning through visual 	• Short answer • Objective type
			Microorganism			

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
III	4	6 (L/E)	Describe the different disease producing organisms	Culture and media preparation —solid and liquid. Types of media —semisynthetic, synthetic, enriched, enrichment, selective and differential media. Pure culture techniques —tube dilution, pour, spread, streak plate. Anaerobic cultivation of bacteria Pathogenic organisms Microorganisms: Cocci—grampositive and grampositive and gramposit		answer

Unit	Time (Hr	rs)	Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
				Rodents and		
				Vectors		
				Characteri	stics,	
				source,	,	
				portal		
				of entry,		
				transmissi	on	
				of		
				infection,		
				identificat	ion	
				of disease		
				producing		
				micro-		
				organisms		
IV	3	4 (L/E)	Explain the	Immunity	• Lecture	• Short
			concepts of			answer
			immunity,	• Immunity:	 Discussion 	
			hyper	Types,	D	 Objective
			sensitivity and	classification	• Demonstrati	on type
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				handling,		
				cold chain,		
				immunization	П	
				for various		
				diseases		
				Immunizatio	n	
				schedule		

Theory: 20 hours

Practical/Lab: 20 hours (Lab/Experiential Learning – L/E)

Description: This course is designed to help students to acquire knowledge and develop competencies required for fundamental patient safety and infection control in delivering patient care. It also focuses on identifying patient safety indicators, preventing and managing hospital acquired infections, and in following universal precautions.

Competencies: The students will be able to:

- 1. Develop knowledge and understanding of Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs) and effective practices for prevention.
- 2. Integrate the knowledge of isolation (Barrier and reverse barrier) techniques in implementing various precautions.
- 3. Demonstrate and practice steps in Handwashing and appropriate use of different types of PPE.
- 4. Illustrate various disinfection and sterilization methods and techniques.
- 5. Demonstrate knowledge and skill in specimen collection, handling and transport to optimize the diagnosis for treatment.
- 6. Incorporate the principles and guidelines of Biomedical waste management.
- 7. Apply the principles of antibiotic stewardship in performing the nurses' role.
- 8. Identify patient safety indicators and perform the role of nurse in the patient safety audit process.
- 9. Apply the knowledge of International Patient Safety Goals (IPSG) in the patient care settings.

10.Identify employee safety indicators and risk of occupational hazards.

11. Develop understanding of the various safety protocols and adhere to those protocols.

COURSE OUTLINE

T – Theory, L/E – Lab/Experiential Learning

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning Content	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
I	2	2 (E)	Summarize the evidence based and effective patient care practices for the prevention of common healthcare associated infections in the healthcare setting	HAI (Hospital Acquired Infection) Hospital acquired infection Bundle approach Prevention of Urinary	Discussion • Experiential Learning	Knowledge assessmentMCQShort answer

Unit	Time (Hr	s)	Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
				Tract Infection (UTI) • Prevention of Surgical Site Infection (SSI) • Prevention of Ventilator Associated Events (VAE) • Prevention of Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI) • Surveillance of HAI— Infection control team and Infection control committee		
П	3	4 (L)	Demonstrate appropriate use of different types of PPEs and the critical use of risk assessment	Isolation Precautions	Lecture Demonstration and Redemonstration	• OSCE

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
				precautions (direct contact, droplet, indirect) • Epidemiology and infection prevention —CDC guidelines • Effective use of PPE		
III	1	2 (L)	Demonstrate the hand hygiene practice and its effectiveness on infection control	Hand Hygiene Types of hand hygiene Hand washing and use of alcohol hand rub Moments of hand hygiene WHO hand hygiene promotion	Lecture Demonstration and Redemonstration	
IV	1	2 (E)	Illustrates disinfection and sterilization in the healthcare setting	Disinfection and sterilization Definitions Types of disinfection and sterilization Environment cleaning Equipment cleaning	 Lecture Discussion Experiential learning through visit 	Short answerObjective type

Unit	Time (Hr	Time (Hrs)		Content	Teaching/	Assessment	
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods	
				 Guides on use of disinfectants Spaulding's principle			
V			Illustrate on what, when, how, why specimens are collected to optimize the diagnosis for treatment and management	Specimen Collection (Review) Principle of specimen collection Types of specimens Collection techniques and special consideration Appropriate containers Transportatio of the sample Staff precautions in handling specimens		 Knowledge evaluation Quiz Performance assessment Checklist 	
VI	2	2 (E)	Explain on Biomedical waste management and laundry management	BMW (Biomedical Waste Management) Laundry management process and infection control and prevention • Waste management process and infection prevention	 Discussion Demonstration Experiential learning through visit 	answers, objective	

Unit	Time (Hr.	Time (Hrs)		Content	Teaching/	Assessment	
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods	
				Staff precautions Laundry management Country ordinance and BMW National Guidelines 2017: Segregation of wastes, color coded waste containers, waste collection and storage, packaging and labeling, transportation			
VII	2		Explain in detail about antibiotic stewardship, AMR Describe MRSA/ MDRO and its prevention	Antibiotic stewardship Importance of antibiotic stewardship Antimicrobial resistance Prevention of MRSA, MDRO in healthcare setting	 Lecture Discussion Written assignment Recent AMR 	 Short answer Objective type Assessment of al assignment 	
VIII	3	5 (L/E)	Enlist the patient safety indicators followed in a health care organization and the role of nurse in the patient safety audit process	Patient Safety Indicators Care of vulnerable patients Prevention of Iatrogenic injury	 Lecture Demonstration Experiential learning Lecture Role play 	 Knowledge assessment Performance assessment Checklist/OSCE Knowledge assessment 	

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	<u> </u>	
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
			Captures and analyzes incidents and events for quality improvement	Care of lines, drains and tubing's Restrain policy and care – Physical and chemical Blood and blood transfusion policy Prevention of IV complication Prevention of fall Prevention of DVT Shifting and transporting of patients Surgical safety Care coordination event related to medication reconciliation and administratio Prevention of HAI Documentation	• Inquiry based learning	Short answer Objective type

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
				Incidents and Adverse Events		
				• Capturing of incidents		
				• RCA (Root cause analysis)		
				• CAPA (Corrective and preventive action)		
				• Report writing		
IX	1		Enumerate IPSG and application of the goals in th patient care settings	• Identify	Lecture Role play	Objective type
				patient correctly • Improve		
				effective communication	on	
				• Improve safety of high alert medication		
				• Ensure safe surgery		
				• Reduce the risk of health care associated infection		
				• Reduce the risk of patient harm resulting from falls		

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
				Reduce the harm associated with clinical alarm system		
X		3 (L/E)	Enumerate the various safety protocols and its applications	Safety protocol • 5S (Sort, Set in order, Shine, Standardize, Sustain) • Radiation safety • Laser safety • Types and classificati of fire • Fire alarms • Firefightin equipment • HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) safety • Types of spill • Spillage manageme • MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets)	g	 Mock drills Post tests Checklist

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
				Environments safety Risk assessment Aspect impact analysis Maintenanc of temp and humidity (Departments) Audits Emergency codes Role of nurse in times of	al ce	
XI	2		Explain importance of employee safety indicators Identify risk of occupational hazards, prevention and post exposure prophylaxis.	Employee Safety Indicators Vaccination Needle stick injuries (NSI) prevention Fall prevention Radiation safety Annual health check Healthcare Worker Immunization Program and management	 Lecture Discussion Lecture method Journal review 	Knowledge assessment by short answers, objective type Short answer

Unit	Time (Hrs)		Learning	Content	Teaching/	Assessment
	T	P	Outcomes		Learning Activities	Methods
				occupational exposure		
				Occupational health ordinance		
				Vaccination program for healthcare staff		
				Needle stick injuries and prevention and post		
				and post exposure prophylaxis		

*Experiential Learning:

Experiential learning is the process by which knowledge is created through the process of experience in the clinical field.