

 <p>BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD HAUORA A TOI</p>	<p align="center">BUILDING CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATIONS / MAINTENANCE – INFECTION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS - STANDARDS</p>	<p align="center">Policy 5.1.12 Protocol 0</p>
<p align="center">BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROTOCOL</p>		

STANDARD

To ensure that infection control standards for Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) hospitals are applied to building projects. This includes changes to occupancy or purpose of a room, ward or treatment area.

STANDARDS TO BE MET

1. This protocol will support the minimising of infection risks during construction activities by ensuring adequate infection control precautions are in place and details the process by which a manager obtains an Infection Control Permit.
2. This protocol applies to all building construction or maintenance projects in patient care areas or adjacent to patient care areas, and also in units or departments which provide support to patient care areas (e.g. kitchens, sterilising areas, laboratories etc).
3. An Infection Control Permit must be obtained where required (refer to permit for assessment matrix), to ensure the participation of the Infection Control Team. Compliance is the responsibility of the designated Project Manager / Service Manager in charge of the construction activity. Liaison with the Infection Control team should occur at the earliest opportunity and the Infection Control Permit issued in an appropriate timeframe.
4. The person arranging and letting the contract(s) for the work - either the designated Project Manager or Facilities Management, as applicable - is responsible for ensuring that the identified infection control precautions applicable during construction are documented in the contract for each contractor.
5. In a situation where emergency measures are carried out it is accepted that the Infection Control Permit may not be issued before the work is carried out. However, Infection Control team involvement in assessing post-incident risk to patients is necessary. Infection Control should be informed as soon as is practicable.
6. Building maintenance in some areas may only be carried out when the area is unoccupied - refer to the Infection Control team for guidance.
7. The Infection Control Nurse Specialists are responsible for issuing the Infection Control Permit in consultation with the Infection Control Physician, and liaising with the designated Project Manager before and during the construction period to ensure that patient safety is maintained throughout.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.1.12 Building Construction / Renovations / Maintenance – Infection Control Requirements
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.1.12 protocol 1 Building Construction - Planning, Consultation & Approval
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.1.12 protocol 2 Building Construction and Renovations – Cultural Safety Standards
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.4.10 Work Safety Systems
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board Building Construction – Infection Control Permit form

<p>Issue Date: Mar 2016 Review Date: Mar 2019</p>	<p>Page 1 of 1 Version No: 2</p>	<p>NOTE: The electronic version of this document is the most current. Any printed copy cannot be assumed to be the current version.</p>
<p>Protocol Steward: Infection Control Physician</p>	<p>Authorised by: GM Property Services</p>	