

INFECTION CONTROL

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DETAINEE HOSPITAL GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA	SOP NO: 021
Title: INFECTION CONTROL	Page 1 of 4 Effective Date:
SCOPE: Detention Hospital	

Reference: (a) NAVHOSPGTMO Infection Control Manual
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(b) NAVHOSPGTMOINST 6280.1

I. BACKGROUND:

As with other medical facilities, infection control practices exist to protect both the health care worker and the patient from contracting infectious disease. In that regard, infection control policies shall be no different than those outlined in reference (a). However, given the uniqueness of the mission, certain measures need be addressed. Detainees are native to a region plagued by a number of infectious diseases. It is estimated that a number of these detainees will carry one or more of these illnesses upon arrival.

II. POLICY:

Diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of these diseases will be conducted. Operating procedures outlined in reference (a) will be followed where applicable. Infectious waste will be handled in accordance with reference (b).

III. RESPONSIBILITY:

The medical officer-in-charge (MOIC) under the advisement of the public health officer and infectious disease consultant will coordinate this effort. Specifically, the MOIC is responsible for diagnosis and treatment as well as recommending measures for isolation of patients and force health protection. The public health officer is responsible for disease reporting, sanitation, and vector control as well as recommending methods of isolation and requirements for force health protection.

IV. PROCEDURE:

An immunization policy will exist and be continually evaluated. Td and TIG will be given when appropriate per the tetanus prophylaxis protocol. Empiric therapies will include: albendazole 400 mg, mefloquine 1250 mg.

Medical Event Reporting: Reportable medical events will be forwarded to the JTF GTMO Preventive Medicine Officer. Infectious waste, sharps, linens, and disinfecting procedures will be managed per references (a) and (b).

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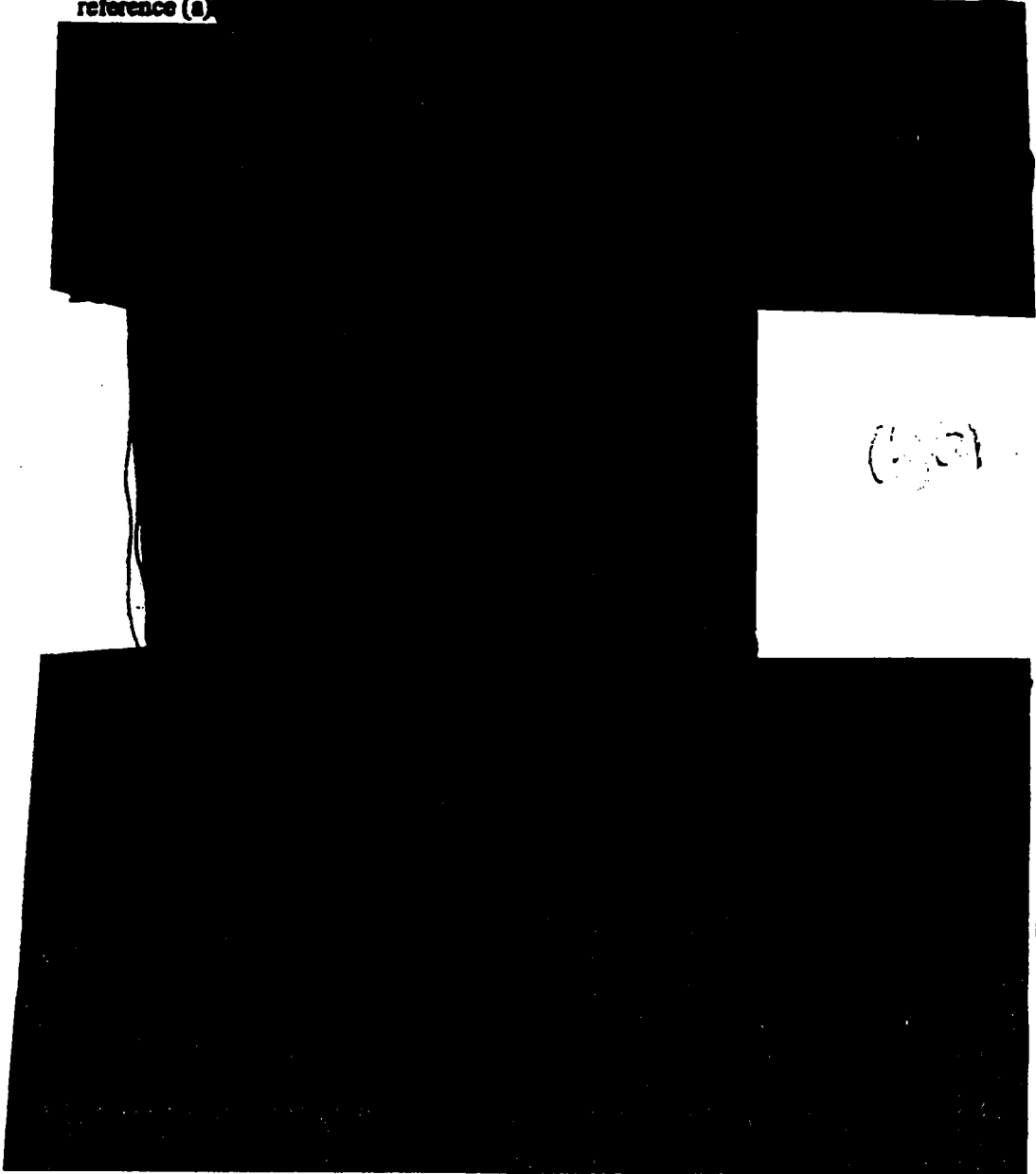
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Infection Control Precautions: Standard precautions will be followed for all patients. In addition, until detainees are felt to be free of fecal contamination, skin infestation, and breaks in skin integrity, gloves will be worn. Transmission-based precautions will be used where appropriate.

Body Fluid Exposures

Exposure of JTF personnel to blood or body fluids of detainees should be handled as per reference (a)



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