**Infection Control Audit Report**

**Audit Title: Infection Control Audit on Commencement, Escalation to GP, Use of SBAR, Sample Collection, and Antibiotic Administration**

**Audit Period:**

**Conducted by:**

**Date of Report:**

**Introduction**

This audit aims to evaluate the process and timeliness of infection management at Homer Lodge Care Centre, focusing on the commencement of infection identification, escalation to the General Practitioner (GP), the use of the SBAR (Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation) communication tool, collection of samples, and the initiation of antibiotic treatment.

**Audit Objectives**

1. **Identify** the timeframe for recognizing and documenting the onset of infections.
2. **Evaluate** the escalation process to the GP using the SBAR communication tool.
3. **Review** the timeline for collecting samples and commencing antibiotic treatment.
4. **Ensure** adherence to infection control protocols and guidelines.

**Methodology**

1. **Sample Size**: Review of [insert number] patient records who experienced an infection during the audit period.
2. **Data Sources**: Patient records, GP communication logs, infection control logs, medication administration records.
3. **Criteria**: Adherence to infection control protocols, timely GP escalation, appropriate use of SBAR, timely sample collection, and antibiotic commencement.

**Findings**

**1. Identification and Documentation of Infection Onset**

* **Total Cases Reviewed**:
* **Cases with Timely Identification**:
* **Cases with Delayed Identification**:
* **Average Time to Identification**:

**2. Escalation to GP Using SBAR**

* **Total Cases Requiring GP Escalation**:
* **Cases Escalated with SBAR**:
* **Cases Escalated without SBAR**:
* **Average Time to GP Notification**:

**3. Sample Collection**

* **Total Cases Requiring Sample Collection**:
* **Samples Collected Timely**:
* **Samples Collected Late**:
* **Average Time to Sample Collection**:

**4. Commencement of Antibiotics**

* **Total Cases Requiring Antibiotics**:
* **Antibiotics Commenced Timely**:
* **Antibiotics Commenced Late**:
* **Average Time to Start Antibiotics**:

**Recommendations**

1. **Training on Early Detection**: Enhance staff training on the early signs of infection to ensure timely identification and documentation.
2. **SBAR Utilization**: Reinforce the use of SBAR for all GP escalations to ensure clear and effective communication.
3. **Timely Sample Collection**: Implement a protocol to ensure samples are collected promptly after the infection is identified.
4. **Prompt Antibiotic Administration**: Establish a streamlined process for the timely commencement of antibiotic treatment following GP recommendations.

**Conclusion**

This audit highlights the importance of timely infection identification, effective communication using SBAR, prompt sample collection, and quick initiation of antibiotic treatment. By addressing the areas of delay and reinforcing training, Homer Lodge Care Centre can enhance its infection control practices and improve patient outcomes.

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