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## INFECTION CONTROL MANAGER

The Medical Center of Delaware, a 1000 bed tertiary care teaching hospital consisting of two acute care hospitals, has an excellent career opportunity available for a results oriented Infection Control Manager. The position requires the academic knowledge of epidemiology, infection control, and risk control and the ability to teach, translate, adapt, and apply this knowledge.

### DUTIES:

- \* Directs, supervises and coordinates the activities and personnel of the Infection Control section.
- \* Prepares and monitors Infection Control budget.
- \* Manages Infection Control in-service programs.
- \* Interprets Infection Control guidelines and modifies procedures as needed.
- \* Recommends changes to Infection Control policies and procedures to Center's Epidemiologist and Infections Committee.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- \* B.S. Degree in Medical Technology, Nursing or Microbiology. Masters Degree preferred in Public Health, Clinical Microbiology or Nursing.
- \* Five years experience in Infection Control.
- \* Demonstrated knowledge of infection control principles and procedures and quality assurance process.
- \* Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.
- \* Ability to exercise judgment, tact, and diplomacy.
- \* Knowledge of Infection Control Computer Program applications.
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## IMPACT OF A SHIELDED SAFETY SYRINGE ON NEEDLESTICK INJURIES AMONG HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Abstract  
Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology  
IMPACT OF A SHIELDED SAFETY SYRINGE ON NEEDLESTICK INJURIES AMONG HEALTHCARE WORKERS  
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### ABSTRACT

**OBJECTIVES:** Evaluate the impact of a shielded safety syringe on needlestick injuries among healthcare workers.

**DESIGN:** Retrospective study.

**SETTING:** Three medical centers.

**MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS:** The total number of needlestick injuries from all sources rose from 140 during the baseline period to 140 during the study period. However, the overall rate of needlestick injuries decreased from 0.0001 to 0.00005 per patient encounter.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The use of a shielded safety syringe significantly reduced the rate of needlestick injuries among healthcare workers.

**KEY WORDS:** Needlestick injuries, healthcare workers, safety syringe, infection control.

**INTRODUCTION**

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