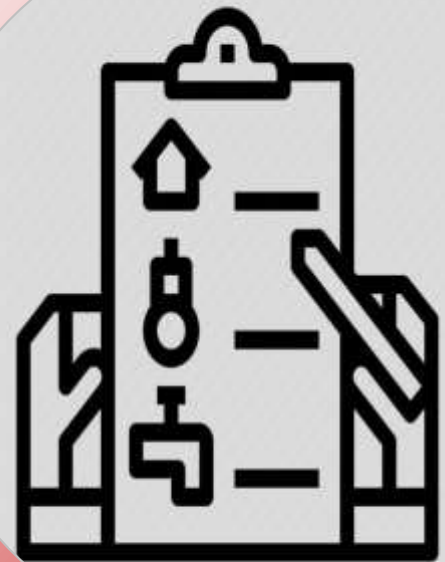


Regulatory Regional Hospital Inspection Tool v1.4



Medical Records_ Storage And Archives



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Domain 36.2 CLINICAL GOVERNANCE AND CLINICAL CARE

Sub Domain 36.2.1 6 User health records and management

Standard 36.2.1.1 6(1) The health establishment must ensure that health records of health care users are protected, managed and kept confidential in line with section 14, 15 and 17 of the Act.

Criterion 36.2.1.1.1 6(2)(a) The health establishment must have a health record filing, archiving, disposing, storage and retrieval system which complies with the law.

36.2.1.1.1.1 Health care personnel have received training in the management of health records.

Assessment type: Document - **Risk rating:** Essential measure

Documented evidence of training for the previous twelve months is required, this could include but not limited to training certificates for external training attended or attendance registers for in-house training. Documentation must confirm the aspects of records management covered by the training. Score 1 if the documented evidence of training is available and 0 if not available. Score not applicable where there have been no new/revised records management guidelines or newly appointed health care personnel in the previous twelve months.

Score	Comment		
Aspects	Score	Comment	
1. Accessing of user records			
2. Requests for user records			
3. Retrieval of user records			
4. Tracking of user records			
5. Filing of user records			
6. Storage of user records			
7. Archiving of records			
8. Disposal of records			

Criterion 36.2.1.1.2 6(2)(c) The health establishment must secure health records with appropriate security control measures in the records storage area and in the clinical service area in accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013).

36.2.1.1.2.1 The health records storage and archive areas comply with the requirements listed below.

Assessment type: Observation - **Risk rating:** Vital measure

Inspect the room or area used to store health records and archives to verify whether it complies with the requirements listed below. Score 1 if compliant and 0 if not compliant. Score not applicable where no physical records are kept.

Aspects	Score	Comment
1. Access control measures are in place. Explanatory note: This includes but is not limited to a functional lockable security gate, strong room door, access-controlled door or closed-circuit television.		
2. "No unauthorised entry" sign on door to records storage area		
3. Area must preferably have very small windows. In instances where there are big windows, dark blinds must be installed and kept closed as sunlight is harmful to records.		
4. Storage area has shelves or cabinets		
5. Aisles and shelves are labelled.		
6. Storage area has counter and/or sorting table		
7. Functional electric lighting		
8. Storage area is kept clean and dust free		



Official Sign-Off

The National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003) provides for quality requirements and standards in respect of health services provided by health establishments to the public. The main objective is to promote and protect the health and safety of the users of health services and contribute to improved outcomes and improved population health.

To achieve this mandate standardised inspection tools aligned to Norms and Standards Regulations applicable to different categories of health establishments promulgated by the Minister of Health in 2018 have been developed for Regional Hospitals.

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