



1.5.6 Infection Policy and Education Committee

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Responsible Entity: Associate Vice President for Facilities, Safety, and Risk Management	Date Last Revised: February 2024

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to define membership terms and conditions, leadership selection, and charge of the Infection Policy and Education Committee at UT Health San Antonio.

II. Scope

This Policy applies institution-wide to all current and prospective members of the UT Health San Antonio Infection Policy and Education Committee and associated Environmental Health and Safety units.

III. Policy

A. The members of the Infection Policy and Education Committee shall be consisted of the following:

1. Members

- a. Three faculty representatives from the Health Professions departments
- b. Two faculty representatives from the Basic Sciences departments
- c. Two faculty representatives from the Dental departments
- d. Three faculty representatives from Medical departments
- e. Two faculty representatives from the Nursing departments
- f. One Health Science Center employee, any department
- g. One student from each of the five Schools

2. Ex-Officio (with vote)

- a. Director, Laboratory Animal Resources
- b. One representative from UT Health Physicians

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3. Ex-Officio (without vote)

- a. Representative, Environmental Health and Safety, Workers Compensation Division
- b. Executive Director, Environmental Health and Safety

4. Consultant

Infection control representative from University Health System/VA.

5. Chair

Designated annually by the President from the membership.

B. Charge

To serve in an advisory and consultative capacity to the President and the AVP for Facilities, Safety, and Risk Management and to advise the Environmental Health and Safety Office in matters pertaining to heightened awareness by students, faculty, and staff of the risks, prevention, and treatment of illness caused by exposure to transmissible agents in the workplace and outside the UT Health San Antonio (UTHSA). To develop policies about the responsibilities of students, faculty, and staff of UTHSA for risk management, prevention, and treatment of illness caused by exposure to transmissible agents within UTHSA and to recommend these policies to the Executive Committee of UTHSA for implementation. To develop policies about the responsibilities of UTHSA to students, faculty, and staff regarding protection from exposure to bloodborne pathogens or potentially infectious agents in the workplace or classroom and to recommend these policies to the Executive Committee of UTHSA for implementation. To maintain a panel of expert advisors from UTHSA to address ad hoc infectious disease-related personnel issues of UTHSA and to offer recommendations for their resolution. To recommend policies within UTHSA to reflect new knowledge or changes in the understanding of infectious disease risk, etiology, prevention, and treatment. Recognizing that infectious diseases are not predictable; it may be necessary for the Committee to draw upon disease specific and educational expertise as the need arises.

C. Term of Membership

The term of membership is three years.

IV. Definitions

There are no defined terms used in this Policy.

V. Related References

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)
Infection Control and Education](#)

VI. Review and Approval History

- A. The approving authority of this policy is the University Executive Committee.
- B. The review frequency cycle is set for three years following the last review date, a time period that is not mandated by regulatory, accreditation, or other authority.

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