

Transcription

Module 5 – Unit 2: Site conditions – cleanliness and safety

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Welcome to Unit 2 of Module 5.

By the end of this unit, you will be able to correctly assess and record the cleanliness and safety conditions at various service sites within a health facility.

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In addition to observing the availability of infection prevention and control items, data collectors will need to conduct a brief observation of **actual conditions** with regard to **cleanliness** and **safety** in multiple service sites.

Let's look at how these conditions of cleanliness and safety are displayed in the questionnaire.

All the conditions appear in **capital letters**. This is because they are **instructions to the data collector** and not questions to the respondent.

As noted in Unit 1 Module 2, instructions to the data collector appear always in capitals.

The list consists of **8 conditions**, which are grouped around **5 aspects**.

The first aspect is **clean floors and surfaces**. This includes **conditions 1 and 2**. The floor of the service area was swept and the surfaces wiped clean with no obvious dirt or waste.

If there are only one or two items on the floor or counters, or a small area that is not swept or not clean, the service area can still be considered clean. We do not want to be too meticulous, but rather, we want to know if overall it looks like these areas are routinely kept clean (despite small problems) or if it looks as if they are generally neglected.

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2. Safe sharps disposal.

This includes **conditions 3 and 4**.

Record if you observe any used needles or sharp items, such as blades, that are not in a sharps box but that are left on counters, trays, the ground, trash containers, or otherwise in locations where people could inadvertently injure themselves.

3. Safe contaminated waste disposal.

Record if you observe bandages with blood or other contaminated materials that are lying around and not disposed in a waste bin with a liner and lid.

4. Staff uniforms and identification.

This includes **conditions 6 and 7**. There is a wide variation in types of uniforms that are acceptable. You must note what is accepted in the service area being assessed.

For example:

- persons who provide direct patient care should always wear some sort of uniform;
- physicians usually wear a lab coat if not wearing scrubs;
- street clothes with a lab coat are not acceptable for uniforms in the surgical or delivery theatre area; and
- staff should be wearing scrubs to prevent bringing outside germs into surgical theatres.

All facility staff should always wear visible identification giving evidence that the person is an authorized employee.

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5. No smoking signs.

Observe whether no smoking signs are present in the service area being assessed.

The following criteria are to be used for classifying the condition being observed:

- Select **"1" for "YES"** if the condition described in the row was observed in the service site;
- Select **"2" for "NO"** if the condition described in the row was NOT observed in the service site.

You have now completed Unit 2.

In the next unit, we will look at data collection on equipment availability and functionality.