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PURPOSE -

Keep hospital premise free from Pests and Rodents.

SCOPE -

Hospital Premise.

SIGNIFICANCE -

Pests and Rodents are attracted to health facilities in search of food, water, shelter and optimal temperatures and pose a number of health threats through spreading of microbial infections and communicable diseases. Therefore having a pest control plan and a rodent and pest free environment is of utmost importance for a hospital.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR PEST AND RODENT CONTROL

To ensure a pest and rodent free environment, hospitals can undertake various activities which in general may include proper infrastructure maintenance, provisions of physical barriers, having a pest control plan and engagement of pest control agency. Hospital should ensure that the following requirements are met for pest and rodent control:

- Hospital should engage a pest control agency for carrying out pest control activities including anti- termite treatment for wooden furniture and fixtures. The records of engaging such agency and pest control activities need to be maintained
- Hospital boundary wall should be intact (at least 2.5 meters) and cattle traps installed at all entrances and exits of the hospital to restrict entry of stray rodents
- Facility windows and doors should be designed in a way to reduce or prevent entry of flying pests
- Hospital staff should follow and comply with best practices of housekeeping, cleaning and disinfection
- Hospital staff should follow and comply with the best practices of waste management
- Periodic maintenance plan needs to be complied with for maintenance of cracks and holes in infrastructure and for any plumbing faults in utilities and pipes, fixing of clogs, fastening of floor drains
- Regular trimming of landscapes, plants, shrubs and trees also to prevent rodents from having easy access to upper levels, windows and the roof
- Regularly cleaning of drains and check for any drain clogs
- Good storage practices for materials especially food item storage in kitchens and cafeterias
- Coordinate with local authorities to prevent accumulation of waste around the premises of the hospital as it leads to pest infestation in and around the premises