

Example Surgery Center
Policy and Procedure Manual
Infection Control and Safety

POLICY

Management of Bed Bugs

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It is the policy of the Center to not accept patients with known or potential communicable infectious disease, including bed bug infestation. If necessary, the patient will be instructed to seek treatment by either their primary care physician or urgent care center.

In the event that a patient presents to the Center with evidence or reports of bed bugs, the following procedure will be followed.

PROCEDURE:

If there is a report of bedbugs, thoroughly inspect the patient for both bugs and bite marks.

- I. If bed bugs are found on patient (with or without bite marks)
 - A. The patient will be isolated per center policy.
 - B. Notify the physician and administrator
 - C. Cancel the case/procedure
 - D. If possible, capture a bed bug and place it in a sealable container to assist pest control personnel in their assessment and identification
 - E. Provide patient with a resource about managing bed bug infestation, such as
 - i. <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/bedbugs-beyond-the-basics#H1>
 - ii. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/bedbugs/basics/definition/con-20026119>
 - F. Notify the center's contracted pest control company to treat the area visited by the patient in accordance with the guidelines below
 - G. Screen patient prior to scheduling next visit

- II. Cleaning guidelines for bed bug infestation
 - A. All furniture, equipment, and other items inside the room treated as per the protocol/contract between the administrator and the pest control company
 - B. After treatment, evaluate all equipment/items in the room and discard or salvage on an item-by-item basis
 - C. Terminally clean the room per center protocol after the established duration of treatment has elapsed
 - D. Re-open for procedures