

BUSINESS UNIT: NICD
DISCIPLINE: CENTRE FOR HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS, ANTIMICROBIAL
RESISTANCE AND MYCOSES
LOCATION: SANDRINGHAM
POSITION: ASSISTANT RESEARCH (FIXED TERM CONTRACT: 12 MONTHS)
PAY GRADE: B2
REFERENCE NUMBER: NICDCDC0519/001-02

To assist with the execution of hospital/ clinic/ laboratory-based surveillance for healthcare-and/ or community-associated infections and infections and associated special studies, which forms part of the research and surveillance activities of the NICD's Centre for HAIs, AMR and Mycoses (CHARM).

Key Job Responsibilities

■ Assist research staff (i.e. Surveillance Officers, Field Project Coordinators, Pathologist, SAFETP residents, Scientists and Epidemiologist) with the identification of patients meeting the surveillance, outbreak investigation or research study case definitions ■ Collect/ assist the research staff with collection and tracing of clinical and/or laboratory data of patients meeting the surveillance, outbreak investigation or research study case definitions ■ Obtain/ assist the research staff to obtain informed consent from case patients or their next of kin ■ Complete structured interviews and/ collect samples from patients who meet the case definition for surveillance, outbreak investigation or research projects ■ Monitor the progress and outcome of patients in and out of the hospital to ensure accurate data collection and recording ■ Receive and courier specimens (e.g. urine, blood, patient & environmental swabs, etc.) if required ■ Assist in preparation of presentations, report writing and other projects related topics ■ Assist with maintaining stocks and inventories of surveillance, outbreak investigation or research study documents ■ Complete surveillance, outbreak investigation or research study related documentation such as logs and case investigation forms and file records according to the relevant protocol ■ Help with the induction and training of new staff as required ■ Effective team-working with other key surveillance, research/ laboratory and hospital/ clinic- based staff ■ Attendance at any necessary programme related meetings actively participate in and contribute to surveillance, outbreak investigation and research-related activities, e.g. special research studies nested within surveillance programmes ■ Perform tasks assigned by the line manager related to surveillance, outbreak investigation and research programmes ■ Performance of surveillance, outbreak investigation and research related activities and administrative support, such as photocopying, preparation of ethics application, data entry and any other administrative support as requested by the research staff ■ Follow established policies, procedures and objectives, continuous quality improvements objectives, safety, environmental or infection control to ensure compliance.

Minimum requirements and Key Competency

■ Grade 12 ■ 6 months work experience ■ Basic Knowledge of research and surveillance ■ Communication skills ■ Interpersonal skills ■ Accuracy skills ■ Attention to detail ■ Basic numeracy skills ■ Listening skills ■ Customer care.

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