



ANTT[®] Patient Protection Accreditation - For Healthcare Providers

Overview

Healthcare providers internationally are increasingly required to demonstrate effective clinical governance to regulators and the public for the critical clinical competency of aseptic technique. For example, in the UK, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) assess organisational requirements for aseptic technique as stipulated in the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (DH 2010, 2015).

ANTT[®] Accreditation, overseen freely by The-Association for Safe Aseptic Practice, provides healthcare organisations with a mechanism by which to demonstrate effective clinical governance for aseptic technique, and commitment to infection prevention and patient safety. Accreditation criteria is based upon the following pre-requisites for safe and best practice:
- ANTT[®] Policy - ANTT[®] Education - ANTT[®] Assessment - ANTT[®] Monitoring

Ensuring effective clinical governance for aseptic technique across large healthcare provider organisations is best not underestimated; For example, ensuring hand hygiene competency and compliance in healthcare alone has proved highly problematic and challenging for over two decades; effective aseptic technique includes hand hygiene plus a number of other critical components. Therefore, achieving robust and effective ANTT[®] takes time and organisational ambition. Having three levels of accreditation reflects this challenge, and enables organisations to demonstrate their commitment to patient safety from the beginning of the process and on-going.

Guidance

Education/Training

Staff must receive education for ANTT[®]. This can be evidenced by relevant clinical staff completing some combination of approved ANTT[®] eLearning or electronic / paper educational resources - this learning must include the main principles of the ANTT[®] Clinical Practice Framework as this is required to pass ANTT Competency Assessment.

Competency Assessment (Please see 'ANTT[®] Competency Assessment' document):

All staff performing invasive clinical procedures or maintenance of invasive devices must be competency assessed in practice using the ASAP Competency Assessment Tool (CAT) for Standard-ANTT and/or Surgical-ANTT. Staff not competency assessed in ANTT[®] can practice using ANTT[®] Procedure Guidelines (subject to local requirements and restrictions).

There are three levels of competency : *Level 1 - ANTT[®] Practitioner* *Level 2 - ANTT[®] Trainer* *Level 3 - ANTT[®] Advanced*

Maintenance / Quality Assurance of ANTT[®]

Any critical clinical competency requires on-going maintenance in order to maintain compliance and effectiveness. ANTT[®] maintenance involves some form of ANTT[®] educational update and repeated practice assessment. The frequency of such maintenance should be informed and directed by annual snapshot audit findings – with a minimum educational update and competency review of 3-yearly.

	Bronze	Silver	Gold
ANTT® Policy	<p>ANTT® is named as the standard aseptic technique for <u>all</u> invasive clinical procedures in the following documents, as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Control Policy • And/or ANTT® Policy 	<p>ANTT® must be named as the standard aseptic technique for <u>all</u> invasive clinical procedures in the following documents, as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Control Policy • And/or ANTT® Policy • All relevant SOP documents ANTT® practice terms / language must be accurately and consistently applied in every document 'ANTT' is mentioned 	<p>ANTT® must be named as the standard aseptic technique for all invasive clinical procedures in the following documents, as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Control Policy • All relevant SOP documents ANTT® practice terms / language must be accurately and consistently applied in every document 'ANTT' is mentioned
ANTT® Clinical Procedure Guidelines	<p>ANTT® Clinical Procedure Guidelines (ACPG's) are prominently displayed in all relevant clinical areas for the most common invasive clinical procedures. Guidelines should be printed in colour and be laminated to facilitate cleaning</p>	<p>ANTT® Clinical Procedure Guidelines (ACPGs) are prominently displayed in all relevant clinical areas for the most common invasive clinical procedures. Guidelines should be printed in colour and be laminated to facilitate cleaning</p>	<p>ANTT® Clinical Practice Guidelines should be prominently displayed in all applicable clinical areas and for the most common invasive clinical procedures. Guidelines should be printed in colour and be laminated to facilitate cleaning. All ACPGs are downloadable to staff from a local intranet site.</p> <p>Optional: Niche ACPG's are developed for relevant procedures e.g. Radiology administration of contrast, podiatry etc.</p>
ANTT® education	<p>ANTT® education should include as a minimum, the following authorised ANTT® educational resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANTT® foundation eLearning (ideal but optional) and/or ANTT® self-running PowerPoint™ • ANTT® Clinical Procedure Guideline PowerPoint™ and the guidelines are displayed in relevant areas as above 	<p>ANTT® education should include as a minimum, the following authorised ANTT® educational resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ANTT® intranet page of a local secure intranet site providing a hub for downloadable ANTT® resources • ANTT® foundation eLearning (ideal but optional) and/or ANTT® self-running PowerPoint™ • ANTT® Clinical Procedure Guideline PowerPoint™ and the guidelines are displayed in relevant areas as above • ANTT® training video collection 	<p>ANTT® education should include as a minimum, the following authorised ANTT educational resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ANTT® intranet page of a local secure intranet site providing a hub for downloadable ANTT® resources • ANTT® foundation or Competency Assessment eLearning course and/or ANTT® self-running PowerPoint™ • ANTT® Clinical Procedure Guideline PowerPoint™ and the guidelines are displayed in relevant areas as above • ANTT® training video collection
ANTT® Competency Assessment	<p>30% of the relevant clinical workforce have undertaken ANTT® Competency Assessment using the ANTT® Competency Assessment Tool (CAT)</p> <p>(See the ANTT Competency Assessment Framework for level of assessor required)</p>	<p>60% of the relevant clinical workforce have undertaken ANTT® Competency Assessment using the ANTT® Competency Assessment Tool (CAT)</p> <p>See the ANTT® Competency Assessment Framework for level of assessor required)</p>	<p>>90% of the relevant clinical workforce have undertaken ANTT® Competency Assessment using the ANTT® Competency Assessment Tool (CAT)</p> <p>(See the ANTT® Competency Assessment Framework for level of assessor required)</p>
ANTT® Audit	<p>Standards of ANTT are audited at least annually by organisation wide 'snapshot' audit -using the ANTT® audit tool. A minimum of 50 audits are recommended.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards of ANTT® are audited at least annually by Organisation-wide 'snapshot' audit -using the ANTT® audit tool. A minimum of 50 audits are recommended. • ANTT® audit is integrated into existing monthly hand hygiene audit or alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards of ANTT® are audited at least annually by Organisation-wide 'snapshot' audit -using the ANTT® audit tool. A minimum of 100 audits are recommended • ANTT® audit is integrated into existing monthly hand hygiene audit
Designated organisational ANTT® Lead	<p>An ANTT® Lead is designated for the organisation</p>	<p>An ANTT® Lead is designated for the organisation. Duties and responsibilities are outlined in the ANTT® Leads' Job Description</p>	<p>An ANTT® Lead is designated for the organisation. Duties and responsibilities are outlined in the ANTT® Leads' Job Description. Responsibility for ANTT® Implementation and maintenance is outlined in the Job Description of the organisations' 'DIPC' (Director of Infection & Control)</p>
Periodic ANTT® competency Updates	<p>Staff are updated/refreshed in ANTT® Competency at a minimum of 3-yearly</p>	<p>Staff are updated/refreshed in ANTT® Competency at a minimum of 3-yearly</p>	<p>The requirement for required/not required ANTT® refresher competency training and assessment are based upon, and demonstrable by, annual ANTT® audit findings. Staff are updated/refreshed in ANTT® Competency at a minimum of 3-yearly</p>
ANTT® trainer Competency level	<p>The organisation sets a minimum number of trainers according to local staffing numbers</p>	<p>The organisation has minimum of 20 Level- 2 ANTT® Staff Assessors</p>	<p>The organisation has 1 staff member trained to Level-3 ANTT® competence Large organisations with >400 beds should have at least three such staff</p>
Submission	<p>Self-assessment is undertaken and submitted to The-ASAP every three-years</p>	<p>Self-assessment is undertaken and submitted to The-ASAP Every three years</p>	<p>Assessment checklist completed by an ASAP assessor during a pre-arranged site assessment.</p>

