

HOSPITAL

Source:	New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Hospital Fines & Enforcement Actions
Issue:	As of September 30, 2001; From: www.state.nj.us/health/hcsa/hospfines/summaries.htm
Organization:	HOSPITAL
Provider Cat.:	HOSPITALS/CLINICS
Address:	
City:	Montclair
Zip:	07043
Findings:	Failure to implement an appropriate complaint procedure for patients. Inaccurate/incomplete medical record. Failure to decontaminate and sterilize equipment used in patient care. Inappropriate cleaning of reusable patient care items. Inadequate review by infection control committee of salaries and procedures for decontamination, disinfection, sterilization, and handling of waste materials. Inadequate equipment for waste drainage. Inadequate building maintenance policies and procedures; inadequate preventive maintenance program. Failure to employ appropriate patient discharge criteria. Inadequate preoperative checklist prior to surgery. Lacking Quality Assurance program for Same Day Surgery. No formal program to monitor infections after discharge from ambulatory care. Based on: March 17, 2001 visit to conduct a complaint investigation.
Action:	Enforcement Date: August 10, 2001; Enforcement Action: \$40,500; Issue: 21 various violations; Hospital's Plan of Correction: Corrective actions outlined in a plan accepted by the Department on September 5, 2001; Hospital Appeal Status: \$40,400 fine paid in full on September 10, 2001.
Licensing State:	NJ
Reporting State:	NJ
Authority:	New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Run Date:	09/30/2001
Note 1:	New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, P.O. Box 360, John Fitch Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08625-0360; Phone: (609) 292-7837, Fax: (609) 292-0053, Website: http://www.state.nj.us/health/hcsa/hospfines/hfines.htm
Note 2:	Enforcement Actions: The information that follows on state licensure inspections and complaint investigations during the past 15 months is in summary form and has been taken from penalty letters sent by the department to each hospital fined. The violations cited here are ones

	<p>which rose to the level of a fine or other penalty. Hospitals listed may have been cited for additional deficiencies which did not merit a fine. In addition, please note this report does not include enforcement actions which may have been taken at the federal level. As you review this report it is important to remember that hospitals have the right to appeal survey findings and penalties imposed. Such appeals may be pending at the time this report is issued. On appeal, the department's decision may be upheld, reversed, or a settlement may be reached in which fines are reduced.</p>
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