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WS/T 591-2018

Standard for prevention and control of healthcare associated infection in outpatient department and emergency department in healthcare facilities

医疗机构门急诊医院感染管理规范

(English Translation)

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1 Foreword

WS/T 591-2018 was issued by National Health Commission on 29 June 2026 and has been in force since 1 December 2026.

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2 Scope Preview

This standard specifies requirements for hospital infection management in the outpatient and emergency departments (hereinafter referred to as "outpatient and emergency services") of medical institutions. Key measures include education and training, surveillance and reporting, triage, basic infection prevention and control measures, transmission-based precautions, and medical waste disposal. It applies to medical institutions of all types and levels providing outpatient and emergency services.

WS/T 591-2018 falls under ICS 11.020, in the field of health care technology.

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In this catalogue, WS/T standards carry edition years from 1996 to 2026.

3 About this standard

Sector: Health Industry Standard (Recommended)

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English translation: about 8 pages (approximate)

Chinese original: about 11,121 characters

4 Related standards

Other editions:

WS/T 591-2026 (later edition)

Standards on related subjects:

WS/T 655-2019 - Safety Management for Lung Ventilator

WS/T 592-2026 - Accreditation standard of control and prevention of healthcare associated infection

WS/T 592-2018 - Accreditation standard of control and prevention of healthcare associated infection

5 Classification and status

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