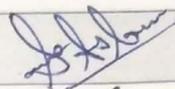
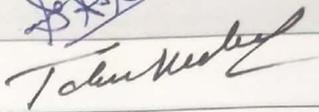


## MAYO HOSPITAL, LAHORE

<b>STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE</b> <b>PEST CONTROL STRATEGIES</b>		SOP No.	MHL/IPC/0016
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**Purpose:**

To lay down the strategies for pest control

**Scope:**

It is applicable in the wards, store, kitchen, cafeteria and laundry of hospital

**Responsibility:**

Sanitary supervisor, ward attendants and ward cleaners

**Procedure:**

Pests like cockroaches, flies, mosquitoes etc can serve as agents for transmission of microbes or may serve as biological vectors of disease. They typically thrive in moist, warm conditions and feed on food scraps, human and medical waste, dressings and solid waste and are found mainly in kitchens, laundry, sink traps and drains. The pest control programme should aim at their eradication from all indoor hospital areas.

1. Develop pest control strategies (with emphasis on kitchens, cafeterias, laundry, CSSD, operating rooms, ICUs, laboratories, stores, toilets, loading docks, construction activities and other areas prone to infestation) to eliminate the food sources and indoor habitats of pests.
2. Seal windows by installing screens and keep them in good repair.
3. Apply pesticides as needed.
4. Pest control service may be outsourced to a specialist, who can use approved chemical/ physical methods.
5. Place laboratory specimens in covered containers for over- night storage.
6. Avoid water pooling in and around hospital area.