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Mentoring Program Report 2024

The inaugural ACIPC Mentoring Program for 2024 concluded in November and the program report from The Art of Mentoring, who conducted the program, demonstrates what a successful initiative it was. The closing survey was completed by 68% of the mentees and 56% of mentors.

Here are some highlights from the report:

- **74 mentees and 58 mentors** participated in the program
- **84% of mentees and 82% of mentors** reported feeling highly satisfied or satisfied with the mentoring relationship
- **93% of mentees and 80% of mentors** reported their satisfaction with the program as 'One of the best things I've done' or 'Good';
- When asked to score the progression of mentee goals, **79% of mentees** reported some or all goals had been progressed, while **mentors scored 77%**
- Net promoter (would recommend to others) scores were **98% for mentees and 91% for mentors**

Mentoring Program 2025

Following the success of the 2024 ACIPC Mentoring Program, we are excited to announce that, in conjunction with Art of Mentoring, we will be offering the program again in 2025.

The program aims to contribute to the future of the IPC profession by pairing mentees with suitable mentors across all fields in a professional relationship of growth and development.

The benefits of mentoring:

- Take your personal and professional development to new levels
- Reflect on personal challenges and achievements
- Help others and contribute to the future of the industry/profession
- Develop your mentoring and leadership skills

Applications open on 4 March 2025 and close on 31 March 2025.

There is no fee to participate as a member of ACIPC. Members will receive details on how to apply via email in early 2025, so make sure your details are up to date by contacting office@acipc.org.au

Blood Borne Virus

TESTING COURSE



The course has been designed for healthcare practitioners involved in undertaking testing in all healthcare settings including midwifery, acute care, community health, women's health, correctional health, rural and remote health, refugee health, sexual health, and infection prevention and control practitioners.

DURING THE COURSE YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT:

- ✓ Epidemiology, transmission, management options and prevention of HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C
- ✓ Different tests available to correctly diagnose, testing intervals post exposure and window periods for testing
- ✓ Post incident pre- and post-test discussion for both the recipient and the source following the incident
- ✓ The personal impact and medical consequences of HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C
- ✓ Conducting a risk assessment for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C
- ✓ Strategies and resources for effective health promotion and prevention education
- ✓ Basic counselling skills including listening, questioning, reflecting and summarising

COST: \$350

Course updated in response to new guidelines, epidemiology data, and emerging evidence.

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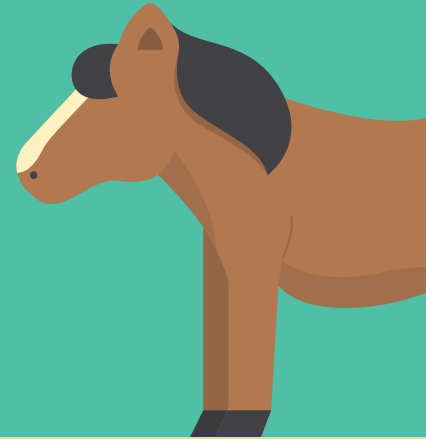
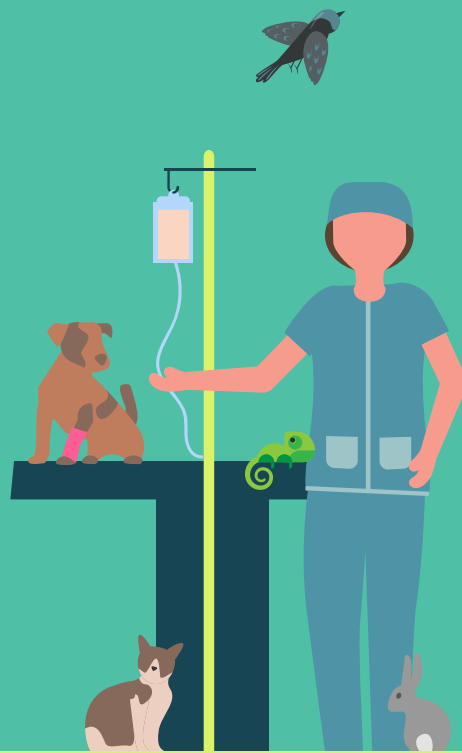
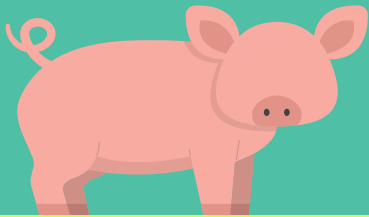
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Veterinary Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control



COURSE COMMENCING IN 2025

We are pleased to announce that in 2025 we will once again be offering – Veterinary Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control (VFIPC).

This groundbreaking course is designed for all veterinary staff worldwide and aims to provide students with a broad understanding and introductory skills to enable them to assess, plan, implement and evaluate infection prevention and control activities within their veterinary workplace.

With 11 self-paced modules running over approximately six months, VFIPC allows participants to apply knowledge to their own practice, and is a key component to achieving the ACIPC Primary Credential (CICP-P).

The program has been designed to accommodate busy work schedules, with a series of self-directed learning units supported by a structured online curriculum.

Topics include:

- environmental hygiene
- outbreak management
- employee health
- surveillance
- epidemiology and microbiology

This course reflects recent evidence, guidelines and standards.

Cost

- \$1520 for ACIPC members
- \$1820 for non-members

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- ✓ Comprehensively understand the role of the infection prevention and control practitioner and apply this learning in their setting;
- ✓ Understand the application of clinical indicators to IPC practice and apply this knowledge through audit and surveillance activities.
- ✓ Develop and design an infection prevention and control program and a site-specific infection management plan relevant to their setting using a clinical governance framework;
- ✓ Understand the rationale for and apply standard and transmission-based precautions in their setting;
- ✓ Evaluate, review and develop site-specific tools and strategies to aid compliance with evidence-based infection control practice, policies, and guidelines;
- ✓ Critique and apply site-appropriate strategies to support clinician-driven change in organisational behaviour;
- ✓ Initiate and communicate effectively within the interdisciplinary team in the management of infection prevention and control

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February Lunch & Learn webinar



Title: Indoor Air Quality: Your questions answered

Presenter: Distinguished Professor Lidia Morawska, PhD

Date: Monday 24 February at 12.00 pm AEDT

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Abstract:

Our September 2024 webinar 'Indoor Air Quality: Science, Practice, Legislation' was a big success. Thank you to all those who attended, and as there were so many great questions and not enough time to answer them all, we are delighted to announce that Distinguished Professor Lidia Morawska will present this follow-up webinar.

She'll be answering those questions; if time permits, you'll have the chance to pose new ones to her.

Join us for an even deeper dive into this fascinating and important topic!

About the presenter:

Lidia is a Distinguished Professor and Australian Laureate Fellow in the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia. She is the Director of the International Laboratory for Air Quality and Health (ILAQH) at QUT, a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre on Air Quality and Health; the Centre Director for the ARC Training Centre for Advanced Building Systems Against Airborne Infection Transmission (THRIVE) hosted at QUT; a Vice-Chancellor Fellow, Global Centre for Clean Air Research (GCARE), University of Surrey, United Kingdom; an Adjunct Professor at the Institute for Environmental and Climate Research (ECI), at the Jinan University, Guangzhou, China; and a Co-Director in Australia for the Australia - China Centre for Air Quality Science and Management (ACC-AQSM).

ACIPC represents at GOARN meeting in Tokyo

At the end of November ACIPC was represented at the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) Regional Meeting for the World Health Organization Western Pacific Region in Tokyo, Japan by Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman, GOARN Focal Point and Board Director of ACIPC.

The meeting was hosted by the GOARN partner National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM). The meeting brought partners from all over the Western Pacific Region with sessions focusing on the Asia Pacific Health Security Action Framework, health emergency workforce capacity strengthening, coordinated partner collaborations, surge capacity (with a session presented by recent Claire Boardman Award recipient Belinda Henderson from QIPCU), research evidence to action (moderated by Peta-Anne), and identifying solutions and priorities for the future.

Priority areas for strengthening and forward planning included:

- capacity building
- partnerships
- operational enhancements
- surge capacity
- expanding GOARN research
- integrating solutions doe disaster response
- GOARN regional monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning framework

After the larger meeting Peta-Anne met with the IPC team at NCGM to discuss ongoing collaboration and partnership opportunities. Moving forward ACIPC will continue to collaborate and partner with region members organisations to provide training and support to outbreak response globally.





ENVIRONMENT MATTERS: What it's like to be a patient in the healthcare system

By an ACIPC member

Safety.

Second most important human need according to Maslow's hierarchy of needs: a feeling that the most important items (hunger, thirst, sickness) will not occur in the near future. Not what I felt I entering my room as an immunocompromised patient at a large metropolitan Victorian Hospital.

The walls were visibly scuffed, so much so that plaster was visible. The floors were black with scuff marks and long-term grime. A game of Twister in an attempt reach my Crocs so I could visit the toilet. A constant challenge as staff moved them away to examine me or clean under the bed. The paint on the entry & toilet doors had been wiped away exposing raw, swollen MDF to the environment and microorganisms. I was afraid to touch these doors.

When I arrived there was a sultana on the floor, moved around each day by the cleaner's mop. Perhaps its not their job to pick it up, I thought. Me too sick in bed to reach down and throw it in the bin.

Micropore tape attached to the IV pole/pump and Oxygen saturation probe.

Two separate days a cleaner did not visit my room at all. I know because I spent all my days in that isolating room.

Someone else's faeces visible on the bathroom floor. I mentioned it to the cleaner, she either didn't understand me or didn't have time to bend down to scrub it clean.

As I lay there genuinely concerned I would die from bacteria in my central line due to the poor conditions of the environment, I asked two days in a row to speak to the nurse unit manager about my concerns for my safety. He finally arrived and without writing a single thing down gave me the generic hospital complaint link. When I wrote down all my complaints as best as I could feeling fatigued, nauseated, and deconditioned, the complaints department asked me if I had brought this up with the NUM. Zero communication occurred about actions to rectify my concerns.

I didn't make it out of that hospital without 10 days of excruciating diarrhoea & abdominal pain. I'm just so thankful it wasn't worse.

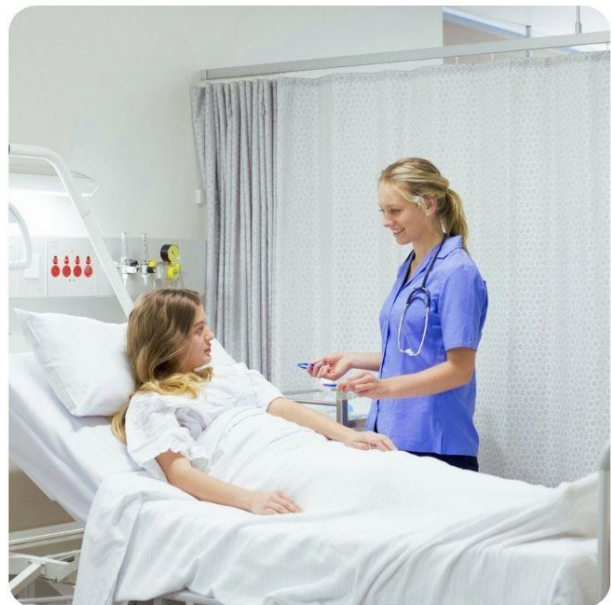
Environment matters. It's what makes you feel safe as well as genuinely keeping you safe. I write this to implore you to spend 2025 keeping your healthcare environments clean.



Exploring **nurses** understanding and application of

ASEPTIC TECHNIQUE IN CLINICAL SETTINGS

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2025 Aged Care Community of Practice (CoP) Webinar series

Presented by Carrie Spinks, ACIPC IPC Consultant



Missed an Aged Care CoP webinar?

You can watch recordings of the entire series [here](#)

Wednesday 19 February 2025

Aged Care On-site Pharmacist (ACOP) Measure

Guest speaker: Marianna Crank, Aged Care Pharmacist Team

Wednesday 19 March 2025

IPC practice in Home Care

Guest speaker: Irene Baron -IPC Manager, Silver Chain

Wednesday 16 April 2025

The NARI IDC-IMPROVE project

Guest speaker: Prof Joan Ostaszkiwicz & Elizabeth Watt, National Ageing Research Institute

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Companion Animals in Aged Care

Guest speaker: Sam Jewell – CEO -Life view Aged Care

Wednesday 18 June 2025

IPC Train the Trainer – education skills

Guest speaker: Perri Wardell – Gerontology Nurse, Aged Care Manager and ACIPC Facilitator

Wednesday 16 July 2025

Management of blood borne viruses in aged care

Dr Jacqui Richmond, Program Manager, Workforce Development and Health Service Delivery- EC Australia at Burnet Institute

Wednesday 20 August 2025

In the life of an IPC lead

Chloe Tilson – IPC Lead and Kelly Barton – Executive Director of Clinical Services - Alpine Health

Wednesday 17 September 2025

Infection Control in a Home Care setting with a focus on aged care

Steve Neal – Head of Clinical and Leadership Programs - Lorraine Poulos & Assoc

Wednesday 15 October 2025

Setting up for success, negotiating for resources and best use of them

Sandra Roodt- IPC Consultant - Calvery Care

Wednesday 17 December 2025

Reprocessing of reusable medical devices and equipment in the aged care setting

Terry McAuley – Director - Steam Consulting

IDC-IMPROVE

A national workforce capacity building project on catheter care in Australian residential aged care homes



Are you an approved Aged Care Provider with:

- 01** Residential aged care homes located in Victoria, South Australia or Queensland
- 02** A minimum of 4 nurses at the study site available for up to 6 months
- 03** Residents (1 or more) with an indwelling urinary catheter

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For further information or questions, please contact: idcimprove@nari.edu.au

This project has received ethics approval from Austin Health (Ethics ID: 107165) and is funded by the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) - Clinician Researchers Initiative - 2022 Clinician Researchers: Nurses, Midwives and Allied Health Grant Opportunity (MRF2023825)



Introducing the ACIPC Paediatric Special Interest Group

We are delighted to introduce the ACIPC Paediatric SIG, a dynamic community dedicated to advancing infection prevention and control (IPC) in all settings involving the paediatric population. Our group brings together ACIPC members who are passionate about delivering IPC that promotes the health and wellbeing of children and young persons. Whether you are directly involved in the delivery of paediatric IPC in specialist or generalist settings, or have a keen interest in this field, our SIG offers a platform for networking, learning, and professional development.

We have an exciting lineup of activities planned for 2025, including bi-monthly meetings open to all ACIPC members. Each meeting will feature an educational webinar on a paediatric-focused IPC topic, followed by an open forum for questions and discussion related to paediatric IPC matters.

Our first meeting will be held at 2pm on Tuesday, February 25th, where we will introduce the ACIPC Paediatric SIG and our terms of reference. This will be followed by an overview of key paediatric IPC issues and an opportunity for questions and discussion. We welcome the participation of all ACIPC members and look forward to your insights and contributions to shaping the future of paediatric IPC.

Paediatric



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Register for the February meeting by **clicking here** and stay tuned for more details on the 2025 program!

Contact SIG Convenor: Claire Nayda -
claire.nayda@health.nsw.gov.au

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February SA SIG meeting

South Australian members are warmly invited to attend the first SA Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting on Thursday, 20 February from 5.30 - 7PM

Event Title and Summary:

South Australian Special Interest Group
AS5369 Standard and GENCA Guidelines for Reprocessing

Date & Time:

20th February 2025, 5.30-7.00 pm.

Location:

Royal Adelaide Hospital
Level 8D Lecture Theatre
1 Port Road, Adelaide

Paid parking in the hospital parking or alternative parking outside on surrounding streets.
Tram stops outside the hospital.

Event Description:

What is reprocessing and does the AS5369 standard apply to all healthcare facilities? What do acute sites with CSSD need to meet for ACSQHC requirements?

Responding to positive microbiological surveillance results in the Gastrointestinal Unit.

South
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Speaker(s):

- Andrew Ellis, State Coordinator, Sterilisation & Reprocessing, Infection Control Service, Communicable Disease Control Branch, Health Regulation & Protection, Department for Health and Wellbeing
- Diana Lagana, Medical Scientist, Central Adelaide Local Health Network

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Aged Care Community of Practice Webinar

Aged care on-site pharmacist (ACOP) measure

19 FEBRUARY 2025
2PM AEDT

with Carrie Spinks and guest speaker Marianna Crank

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The poster features a green header with the title, a teal background with a play button icon, and an illustration of a pharmacist assisting an elderly woman with a walker. A small inset photo of Marianna Crank is in the bottom right corner.

Topic: Aged care on-site pharmacist (ACOP) measure

Presenter: Carrie Spinks

Guest speaker: Marianna Crank

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The Aged Care On-site Pharmacist Measure provides funding to engage pharmacists to work on-site in residential aged care homes. On-site pharmacists regularly review medications to reduce medication related harm and optimise the use of medicines. On-site pharmacists work closely with aged care staff and the healthcare team. The Aged Care On-site Pharmacist Measure commenced 1 July 2024. This presentation will discuss funding, eligibility, claiming and payment arrangements, the role of the on-site pharmacist and the upcoming role of Primary Health Networks.

Our guest speaker will be Marianna Crank, who is currently a Director in Pharmacy Branch at the Department of Health and Aged Care. Her team has responsibility for a diverse range of programs including the Aged Care On-site Pharmacist Measure.

MEMBER PROFILE:

Josh Philp



Tell us about your background and how you came to be working in IPC?

I've been a registered nurse for 16 years, and during that time, I've had the privilege of working across several states in Australia, including NSW Health, St Vincent's in Sydney, SA Health, and WA Health. I hold two master's degrees—one in critical care and one in infection prevention and control.

I spent nine years working in ICU, where I developed a strong passion for the world of Cardiothoracic Intensive Care and IPC.

My journey into infection control began in my second year as a nurse when I was selected to become a Hand Hygiene Auditor and a link nurse. From there, I started backfilling for IPC staff on leave, and over time, I took on several roles within IPC and staff health. This ultimately led to my full-time position in IPC.

Most recently, I served as the Nurse Manager for Infection Prevention and Control and Staff Health at Sout Eastern Sydney Local Health District NSW Health, where I had the opportunity to centralise a staff health team and lead meaningful changes within the Local Health District (LHD).

What does a typical day look like for you?

My typical day is evolving as I transition into the primary healthcare sector. It's a significant change from working in a large LHD with over 1,250 beds and 12,500 staff, where the pace and scope of work were quite different.

In primary healthcare, I'm working in GP clinics and focusing more on preventive care, community engagement, and ensuring consistent IPC practices across smaller teams and office-based facilities.

While the environment is different, the goal remains the same—improving patient safety and healthcare outcomes.

I also work with GPs to support their important role in anti-microbial stewardship. They really are in the frontline of antibiotic prescribing, and it can be hard when you have a patient in your office who is insisting they need antibiotics.

What are you passionate about in your field of IPC?

I'm passionate about improving patient safety and outcomes through effective infection prevention and control practices. IPC plays a critical role in minimising healthcare-associated infections, which directly impacts patient recovery and quality of care.

I'm particularly interested in the education and empowerment of staff at all levels to help them understand the importance of IPC measures and how to implement them in their daily practice.

There's also a strong focus on continuous improvement in IPC, and I'm driven by the opportunity to lead initiatives that contribute to safer healthcare environments and ultimately better health outcomes for patients and the wider community.

Do you have any advice for people just starting out in the field?

My advice would be to never stop asking questions and stay curious. IPC is a dynamic field that requires continuous learning, as new challenges and best practices evolve.

Don't be afraid to seek guidance from experienced professionals, as mentorship is invaluable. It's also important to be patient and persistent—building knowledge and making an impact takes time.

Lastly, find an area within IPC that you're truly passionate about, whether it's education, surveillance, or policy development, and focus on becoming an expert in that area. IPC is all about collaboration and making a difference, so always keep the bigger picture in mind—our work has a direct impact on improving patient care and safety.

How do you like to unwind after a busy week? Any hobbies or interests you'd care to share with us?

I enjoy staying active and unwind by hitting the gym, swimming, and doing reformer pilates classes. A good game of water polo is always a fun way to relax and let off some steam.

I also make sure to take time to disconnect from work and spend quality time with friends. It's important to recharge and maintain a healthy work-life balance

Aged Care Connexion Forum

Have you checked out our Aged Care Connexion Forum yet?

ACIPC's online forums are the College's platform to facilitate communication, share ideas, seek advice from peers, and benefit from the experience of other members.

Our Aged Care Connexion Forum allows members to post and answer questions, subscribe to email notifications, and search online archives suitable to their specialty.

We invite members working in aged care (residential and home care) to join the Aged Care Connexion Forum and participate in IPC conversations and network with those in the industry.

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The banner features a collage of images: a sunset, a city skyline, and silhouettes of children jumping. Text includes the event title, dates, location, and social media information.

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43rd Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID 2025)

26-30 May 2024

Bucharest and Online

Registration is now open for the 43rd Annual Meeting of the European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases, happening 26-30 May 2024 in beautiful Bucharest, Romania and online. Don't miss this unparalleled opportunity to connect with global experts, discover cutting-edge research, and advance the fight against infectious diseases in children.

Register early and save up to €190 on your spot.

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ACHS user manual updates

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) have released an updated user manual for the ACGS Infection Control Clinical Indicator Set.

ACIPC Board Directors Ann Whitfield and Nicola Isles were among the members in the working party for this project. Several changes were made to reflect current practice in surgical infection surveillance and antibiotic prophylaxis.

The clinical indicator for surgical site infections following laparoscopic-assisted large bowel resection was split into two indicators, reflecting current practice: laparoscopic colon resections and laparoscopic/lap assisted/robotic rectal resections. The working party also added two new indicators in this area: surgical site infections following craniotomy and spinal surgery.

The updated manual was endorsed by the Australasian College of Infection prevention and Control and the ACHS Board, and can be found on the POS user manual **webpage here**.

Members are invited to collect data using these indicators from January 2025, for submission by 20 August 2025.



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WHO EPI-WIN webinars 2025

EPI-WIN: WHO Information Network for Epidemics are holding free webinars in 2025. Here are some upcoming dates:

**12 February 2025
13:00-14:00 (CET)**

Mass gatherings, Safe gatherings: Key public health considerations country experiences

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**19 March 2025
13:00-14:00 (CET)**

Ethical considerations for social listening in infodemic management for public health emergencies: WHO guidance

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BUG OF THE MONTH

Measles

Karen McKenna



What is it?

Measles is a highly infectious acute viral disease, that can cause serious medical complications.

In 2014 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Australia to have eliminated endemic measles through an effective vaccination program, with most cases now linked to overseas travellers, the unvaccinated or those only partially vaccinated in childhood¹.

However, measles remains common in many parts of the world and outbreaks continue to occur in a number of countries². A surge in measles cases in late 2024 in South East Asia has resulted in cases reaching Australia with NSW, QLD and Victoria reporting measles cases³. Travel to countries with outbreaks could lead to exposure to measles and includes, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, India, as well as countries in the United Kingdom, Middle East, North America, Europe and Africa⁴.

Symptoms

Early symptoms of measles usually last 2-4 days and includes cold and flu-like symptoms of fever, fatigue, cough, coryza and conjunctivitis, followed by a maculopapular rash that typically begins on the upper neck and face, before spreading and becoming generalised. Complications from measles occurs in about 10% of cases and can include ear infections, diarrhoea, pneumonia and encephalitis^{2,5}.

How is it transmitted?

Measles is spread by respiratory secretions including airborne particles, and the virus can survive for up to 2 hours in the air⁵. People with measles are considered infectious from 2-4 days before the onset of the rash, and up to 4 days after the rash appears⁶. The incubation period for measles is between 7 - 18 days^{5,7}.

At risk groups

People are at risk of measles if they have never had measles infection and have not received two doses of a measles containing vaccine².

Young infants, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems are at an increased risk of complications from measles⁷.



Prevention

Immunisation is the best way to protect against measles infection², with the current recommendation for two doses of a measles containing vaccine at least 4 weeks apart, with 99% of people developing immunity after a second vaccine⁵.

During the COVID-19 pandemic measles vaccination rates fell throughout the world, with more than 40 million children reported to have missed a dose⁵.

Healthcare workers are recommended to have evidence of 2 doses of a measles containing vaccine or serological evidence of immunity to measles, mumps and rubella⁵.

Key messages

Vaccination is key to eliminating measles. Healthcare workers should provide evidence of vaccination or serological immunity.

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REQUEST FOR OFFER: Evaluation of ACIPC'S credentialling program

Request for Offer (RFO)

The provision of services to undertake an evaluation of the Australasian College for Infection and Control's Credentialling program for Infection Control Professionals.

RFO Document: ACIPC Request for Offer - Review of Credentialling

Overview

The Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) is the peak body for Infection Prevention and Control professionals within the Australasian region and operates as a not-for profit organisation. ACIPC is seeking to engage a qualified organisation to undertake an external review of the credentialling pathways for Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) professionals.

Credentialling provides an industry recognised pathway for IPC professionals to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and attributes. The purpose of credentialling is to provide an independent standard for assessing IPC competency and knowledge and understanding of the evidence for IPC within healthcare settings.

The aim of the requested evaluation is to determine whether the credentialling assessment framework and evaluation of applicants is contemporary and adequately recognises the skills, knowledge and expertise of all ACIPC members, through a process that is rigorous, transparent, and provide consistent outcomes throughout the application process.

This evaluation is needed to ensure that ACIPC is providing its members with industry recognition through its flagship program in the region. The credentialling assessment framework needs to provide recognition of the diversity of careers and breadth of the profession, by demonstrating recognition of the applicant's role and expertise, including the acknowledgement of diverse and specialist IPC roles. Further, recognition needs to encompass acknowledgment of contributions to the profession and different professional pathways, including leadership roles with an Infection Prevention and Control focus.

Due Date

Offers will be accepted until 6 p.m. (AEDT) on 5 February 2025.

Infection Control Matters Podcast

The 2024 End of Year Special

In this episode, Brett, Phil and Martin reflect on the year. We chat about favourite podcasts, papers and conferences in our usual informal manner (well probably even more informal than normal). Papers we mention are listed below.

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Engaging Junior Doctors in IPC

In this episode recorded at the 2024 Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) Conference in Melbourne, Brett and Phil talk to Dr Sarah Browning (ID Physician at Hunter New England) and two Junior Medical Officers (JMOs) Sam and Lochlan who worked on IPC-related projects whilst on placement.

A poster walk at ACIPC 2024

In this episode Brett and Phil chat about a few of the posters presented at the Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC). 2024 Conference held in Melbourne in November 2024. Poster topics include hand hygiene, surveillance, and a pilot RCT on chlorhexidine impregnated dressings.



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