



HICMR INFORMATION SHEET: JUNE 2008



INFECTION CONTROL EDUCATION PROGRAM SELF DIRECTED LEARNING PACKAGES (SDLPs)

To be released July 2008 via the Client Portal.

1. PURPOSE

To ensure that all HCWs, ie. clinical and nonclinical, have a fundamental understanding of current infection control principles and appropriate precautions that prevent the transmission of infections in each healthcare setting according to current standards and guidelines, (including the management systems that support these effective work practices, ie. relevant Education sessions, Policies and Toolkits). In addition, HCWs can apply the knowledge to practice.

Nb. Each SDLP will include a summary of the topic, reference to the relevant HICMR Policy/s, and a set of questions for the participant to answer. There will be both Clinical and non Clinical Questionnaires. These should be completed and returned to the ICC/Educator as instructed.

2. AVAILABILITY & OVERVIEW

There will be both Core and Optional Modules available. They are currently being tested for release via the Client Portal over the next few weeks. Each module contains recommended SDLPs to be completed by specialty area as relevant:

Module1 Core Activities:

- Recommend completion initially and/ annually, eg at orientation or during annual updates/mandatory training.
- All facilities refer to Module 1: Core Activities SDLP- 1.1-1.6 as described below.

Module2/3 Optional Activities:

- Recommend completion periodically eg. biennially, or as required, eg Outbreak Management.
- For Surgical Facilities refer to SDLP 2.1-2.5.
- For Non-Surgical /other facilities, eg. Aged Care, refer to SDLPs 3.1-3.3.

Nb. The SDLP Modules will be provided by HICMR via the Client Portal for clients receiving ongoing HICMR Consulting Services. Provision for other levels of service will be by negotiation.

3. OUTCOME

- On completion of each education activity the ICC/Educator will audit the results via the Client Portal, and an automated Report will be provided.
- HCWs will demonstrate awareness of the correct Infection Control procedures by achieving a minimum correct response rate to the associated Questionnaire of 80%. All HCWs will receive feedback on their results, and any incorrect answers reviewed. (Nb. It is anticipated that this will be via an automated process).
- Further education will be provided as required for response rates < 80%.
- Documented evidence of attendance will be available.

4. EVALUATION

- ✓ The SDLPs will undergo an initial trial with selected facilities.
- ✓ Module 1.1: Appropriate Precautions, (Core Activity) and 2.3: Gastroenteritis Outbreak Management (Optional Activity) will be trialled first.
- ✓ Once implemented, as part of HICMRs ongoing commitment to quality and provision of current/updated information, the SDLP Education Program will be regularly reviewed as new/revised standards/guidelines become available, as per the Policies.
- ✓ Any comments or evaluation of the SDLP Program can be forwarded to the Infection Control Consultant at your facility.

CONTENT

MODULE1: CORE ACTIVITIES (All Facilities – Where Relevant)

- ❖ 1.1 Appropriate Precautions
- ❖ 1.2 Hand Hygiene
- ❖ 1.3 Infection Control Practice & Surveillance
- ❖ 1.4 Staff Health, Including B&BFELs
- ❖ 1.5 Environmental Practices, Including Waste And Linen.
- ❖ 1.6 Food Practices.

MODULE 2: OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (Surgical Facilities – Where Relevant)

- ❖ 2.1 CJD- General
- ❖ 2.2 CJD- Operating Theatre Suite
- ❖ 2.3 Gastroenteritis Outbreak Management
- ❖ 2.4 Transmissible Diseases, including Outbreak Management.
- ❖ 2.5 Engineering & Maintenance Practices.

MODULE 3: OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (Non-Surgical/Other Facilities – Where Relevant)

- ❖ 3.1 Gastroenteritis Outbreak Management
- ❖ 3.2 Transmissible Diseases, including Outbreak Management.
- ❖ 3.3 Engineering & Maintenance Practices.



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