



HICMR Infection Control Newsletter

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Endo & SS Workshops Oct 2009 - March 2010

✚Endoscopy:	(10 th Anniversary)
Adelaide:	4.3.10
Melbourne:	12.11.09
	08.12.09 (BCP)
	18.02.10
Launceston:	March (Date TBC)
Newcastle:	25.02.10
Sydney:	25.11.09

✚Endo Preceptors:	
Adelaide	09.12.09
Melbourne:	08.12.09
Launceston	March (Date TBC)

✚Sterilising Services Workshops:	
Adelaide:	3.3.10
Launceston:	March (Date TBC)
Melbourne:	March (Date TBC)
Newcastle	26.02.10
Launceston	March (Date TBC)

2010 Workshop schedule in progress –
check the website for further details &/to
register: www.hicmr.com.au

Topic of the Month: Feedback of HICMR Products & Services

HICMR products and services are developed to meet client needs and state, national and international standards as relevant. Constructive feedback is always welcome. The following evaluation and feedback processes for HICMR products and services are available:

- ✓ New/Revised Policies: Requests for same can be organised via the New/Revised Policy Request Form - refer HICMR Policy: *Document Control System, Appendix 2*. The Form should be sent to the HICMR Clinical Risk and Education Manager, who will discuss the request with the relevant Policy writer. Further research will be conducted as applicable and the Policy written/revised as appropriate. The person providing the request will be notified of the outcome ASAP. The Policy: *Document Control System* is being updated to include the feedback process for other HICMR products, eg. Education/Internal Audit Tools, Forms, etc.
- ✓ Risk Assessment Reports (RA) – HICMR make every endeavour to ensure RAs are as accurate as possible, and encourage all relevant Managers/Reps and/or the onsite ICC to accompany us during RAs so that findings, evidence and issues can be discussed and ratified at the time. For facility wide Reviews, a Confirmation Schedule is sent to the client in advance advising of same. In addition a debrief is conducted at the completion of facility-wide reviews so findings can be clarified further as required. For clients with HICMR Consultancy services, the results of individual RAs are discussed with the relevant Managers/Reps at the time, and agreement and sign-off obtained once the RA Report is available. HICMR provide a 30 day response time to RA Reports before they are finalised – an automated feedback system will be available with our new IT Reporting System, which is currently being finalised. In the interim feedback should be provided to the ICC that conducted the RA on the Feedback Form in the updated Policy: *Infection Control Management Program*.

Client Portal/HARP Update

Updated Products include:

- ❖ **Policy Manuals/RA Tools:**
 - Infection Control – Index V13,
 - Acute Respiratory Screening Questionnaire being updated.
 - OT Policies under review.
 - Waste Management Toolkit available
 - includes state specific posters.
 - Surveillance Toolkit coming soon!
 - Day Surgery – Revised Manual almost complete.
 - NonSurgical Manual – Mother Baby & ECT Services Policies TBA soon.
 - Endo/Probes – Index V8. New IA Tools: Tracking Audits now available! Tracking Forms being updated. Nb. This Manual is currently under review.
 - Sterilising Services – Index V3, revised Section 2, & RA Tool. New IA Tool: Tracking Audit coming soon!
 - Facility Wide IC Program RA - a new RA Tool has been developed and will be available soon!
 - ❖ **Education Tools:**
 - Acute Respiratory Infections – Clinical and NonClinical, & PP Presentation.
 - Gastro Outbreak Mngmnt.
 - Orientation PP Presentation.
 - ❖ **ICMPs Vic:** finalised.
- Refer Client Portal &/or contact your HICMR ICC for further details.**

Pandemic (H1N1) 09 Update

- As of the 26.10.09 Australia has had 37,065 cases of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009, of which 186 have died, including 4 pregnant women and 24 Indigenous people. This represents a small proportion of the total cases which have occurred in the community. The number of new confirmed cases/hospitalisations have decreased nationally, indicating the first wave has passed.
- However, the WHO Collaborating Centre – Influenza states it is not possible to predict what will happen in the near future. There are four potential scenarios in relation to a second wave in Australia:
 1. A typical Influenza season next year which will include the new Pandemic H1N1 09 strain.
 2. A major outbreak next flu season due to a significant change in the virus.
 3. Multiple small waves through the summer period into 2010 Influenza season, as the virus finds new pockets of susceptible individuals in the community, eg. UK experience.
 4. A major out of season Influenza outbreak due to importation of the virus back into Australia from infected travellers arriving from Northern Hemisphere.
- Australia remains in the PROTECT Phase as the Pandemic virus is mild in most cases, but severe in some and moderate overall. This phase sits alongside CONTAIN and SUSTAIN phases, with a greater focus to continue treating and caring for those more vulnerable.
- Under the AHMPPI (2008) immunisation would normally mark the beginning of the next phase, or CONTROL. However, given the moderate nature of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009, and the desirability of continuing current measures the PROTECT phase remains.
- The Panvax® vaccine is currently being provided, however concerns with use of Multi Dose Vials remain.

HHA Update

ACSQHC Hand Hygiene Australia (HHA) - 5 moments for HH

- ❑ HHA has updated their website and manual (July 2009, 1st edition), and the online Education Package is available! Each Facility can register for a username to the online Education Package to track staff who have completed same. Feedback can also be provided on the Manual, which is due for review in 2010: www.hha.org.au
- ❑ HHA next data submission date 27.11.09. 2010 data submission dates are also now on the HHA website.
- ❑ HICMR ICCs are certified HHA compliance trainers and are assisting with education programs.
- ❑ An Internal Audit Tool has been developed for use by HICMR clients'.
- ❑ Any feedback on the HHA manual can be made via 'Contact Us' Page on the HHA website.

Standards Update

- CDNA, 2004: Infection Control Guidelines - under review.
- AS/NZS 4187, 2003 - under review.
- GESA/GENCA - under review. Monitor GENCA website for draft version.