




HICMR Infection Control Newsletter

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Endo & SS Workshops Oct 2009 - Feb 2010

✚ **Endoscopy:** (10th Anniversary) 
 Melbourne: 12.11.09
 08.12.09 (BCP) **New!**
 18.02.10 **New!**
 Sydney: 25.11.09
 25.02.10 (Newcastle)

✚ **Endo Preceptors:**
 Adelaide 09.12.09 **New!**
 Melbourne: 08.12.09 **New!**

✚ **Sterilising Services Workshops:**
 Melbourne: 29.10.09
 Sydney 07.10.09
 26.02.10 (Newcastle)

Book early as Workshops fill fast! For further details &/to register:

www.hicmr.com.au

NB. More 2010 Workshops TBC soon.



IMPORTANT NOTICE! HICMR HAS MOVED OFFICE

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Please ensure all updated B&BFEI Packs with the new details are available as relevant.

Topic of the Month: H1N1 (Swine Influenza): National Pandemic Influenza Program

- The Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza continues to be the predominant strain of Influenza circulating in Australia. Based on observations of occurrence in countries in the Northern Hemisphere, it may continue to circulate throughout spring/summer, with a higher than usual Influenza activity.
- The Australian government contracted CSL Ltd to produce a Pandemic vaccine. The vaccine is now TGA approved and the Vaccination Program commenced on 30.9.09.
- Each State is dispatching the vaccine as authorised by the Australian Government. Refer to individual state guidelines/directions for distribution/ordering of vaccines. .
- **Vaccine Information:** The vaccine Panvax® will be distributed in packs of 10ml multi-dose vials (MDV), containing thiomersal as a preservative. Clinical trials are currently being performed to establish whether one or two doses of the vaccine are required.
- For safe administration using MDVs refer to the *Guideline For The Administration Of Pandemic (H1N1) Influenza Vaccine From Multi-Dose Vials* prepared by The Australian Technical Advisory Group On Immunisation (ATAGI).
- Patient /HCW consent is essential and Consent Forms are available from State Health Depts.
- The vaccine should be stored at 2-8 °C and the Cold Chain should be observed when transporting and storing any vaccines. Refer to National Vaccine Storage Guidelines- Strive For Five: <http://www.immunise.health.gov.au>
- For Updated information refer DoHA: www.healthemergency.gov.au

Client Portal/HARP Update

- ❖ **Updated Products include:**
Policy Manuals/RA Tools:
 - Infection Control – Index V13, Staff Health Polices/Toolkit, B&BFEI Toolkit. Nb. Surveillance Toolkit coming soon!
 - Day Surgery - Manual under review.
 - Endo/Probes – Index V8, all Toolkits, Skills Assessments, & RA Tools. New IA Tools: Tracking Audits now available! Nb. This Manual is currently under review.
 - Sterilising Services – Index V3, revised Section 2, & RA Tool. Nb. New IA Tool: Tracking Audit coming soon!
 - Facility Wide IC Program RA - a new RA Tool will be available soon!**Education Tools:** Acute Respiratory Infections – Clinical and NonClinical, & Powerpoint Presentation. Gastro Outbreak Mngmnt also available.
HICMR ICCs Orientation PP: updated.
ICMPs Vic: currently being finalised.
- ❖ **HICMR Website:** www.hicmr.com.au. Provides general access to information about HICMR & IC Workshops.
- ❖ **Client Portal:** a secure site for facility-wide access to Infection Control Manuals/Toolkits. All Client Portal logins have recently been reassigned.
- ❖ **HICMR Assessment & Reporting Program (HARP):** a restricted site for access by the facility DON/Manager, and 1 other rep only. Includes RAs Reports, Action Plans, Graphs, etc.

Contact your HICMR ICC for further details.

WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands Day - May 5th 2010

- ✓ On Tuesday 5.5.09 many Australian healthcare facilities joined in the WHO *Save Lives: Clean Your Hands Day*.
- ✓ The aim of this day was to have all members take a pledge to commit to hand hygiene (HH) and to “take the hand hygiene message to the point of care”.
- ✓ This was a global initiative involving many healthcare facilities worldwide.
- ✓ WHO are now aiming to have 10,000 hospitals/healthcare facilities registered by the 5th May 2010.
- ✓ WHO have launched a new website which includes many new tools available for education and promotion of HH.
- ✓ To join the campaign and register your facility for the *WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean your hands day*, and further initiatives: <http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/index.htm>. For further info refer to WHO & HHA websites.

National Hand Hygiene

ACSQHC Hand Hygiene Australia (HHA) - 5 moments for hand hygiene (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 - contact HHA: www.hha.org.au
- ❑ HHA provide Additional Audit Tools, including Community HH Audits, Facility Product Audit, Hand Rub/Moisturiser Audit, Generic Skin Assessment Form and ABHR Safety Info.
- ❑ HHA next data submission date 27.11.09.
- ❑ HICMR ICCs are now certified HHA compliance trainers and are assisting with education programs. See your HICMR ICC for further details.
- ❑ An Internal Audit Tool has been developed for HICMR clients' use.
- ❑ HHA also provide an ABHR info brochure for consumers.

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 www.genca.org.au