

## **INFECTION CONTROL: NZ STANDARD: 8142**

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IC Programme document is required and signed off by governing body.

Staff Member (not client) with IC responsibility.

IC Committee or equivalent.

IC Team / Support.

IC Policies and Procedures.

IC Education for Personnel including IC in orientation programmes for both personnel and volunteers.

Surveillance of infections.

Monitoring of long term antimicrobial and antifungal use.

Annual assessment of IC Programme objectives.

### **INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL**

Organisational Commitment

Isolation Policies and Procedures

MRSA

Personnel Work Restrictions

Clinical IC Policies and Procedures

Housekeeping

Disinfectant and Decontamination Policies and Procedures

Waste

Linen

Standard Precautions

Contact Precautions

Airborne Precautions

Droplet Precautions

## WHO AND WHAT ARE YOUR INFECTION CONTROL RISKS?

Risk:  
**PEOPLE**  
Your Clients

Risk:  
**ENVIRONMENT**  
Your Clients' Homes

Risk:  
**UNKNOWN**  
Community exposure to unpredictable events

- Personal Hygiene Abilities
- Existing communicable disease
- Underlying Medical Diagnoses
- Lifestyle habits of worthy note
- Interaction with other people
- Interaction with the environment
- Equipment: Medical and Domestic
- Proximity of Living Space

## CONTROLLING YOUR IC RISK: AWARENESS OF YOUR PEOPLE

- Is personal hygiene of clients regularly assessed?
- What is the strategy for poor compliance?
- What is the strategy for good compliance?
- Do you know how many of your clients have a chronic communicable disease, and what is their clinical management of this?
- Do you know the clients who have increased susceptibility to infection and how do you manage this?
- Do you know the clients who have extra-ordinary risks to infection and how do you control for this risk?

## CONTROLLING YOUR IC RISK: AWARENESS OF YOUR PEOPLE'S ENVIRONMENT

- Are the bathroom, kitchen, laundry and rubbish collection areas set up to minimize cross infection amongst residents?
- Are the personnel unlikely sources of cross infection?
- Are there robust housekeeping policies? Schedules?
- Is there medical equipment used and is it cleaned correctly?
- Is the domestic cleaning equipment well maintained?
- How close is "close"?

## STANDARD PRECAUTIONS:

- A group of actions that **YOU** do, and your use of **personal protective equipment**, when **you** are handling **any** body fluid from no matter who.
- Supported by Health and Safety Legislation
- Biological Hazard ID

## **WEARING DISPOSABLE NON STERILE GLOVES:**

- ❖ **WHEN TO WEAR:** If it's wet and it's not yours, wear gloves!
- ❖ **HOW TO WEAR:** One pair at a time One Procedure = One pair of gloves
- ❖ **WHAT TO WEAR:** Latex or Vinyl Powder Free
- ❖ **WHY TO WEAR:** Convince yourself of your safety and help minimize cross infection between yourself and the patient.

## **PLASTIC APRONS, MASKS AND OTHER WARFARE:**

Are your going to get splashed or sprayed or squirted on?

Fancy a bite to eat?

How is your vision these days? What is it worth to you?

