

Information Sheet

INFORMATION FOR GENERAL PRACTICES

INFECTION CONTROL

COORDINARE can assist your practice with infection control practices by directing you to relevant resources and sources of education.

Infection prevention and control plays an important role in delivering safe health services. The [RACGP Infection Prevention and Control Standards 5th Edition 2014](#) focus on practice-based risk assessment and staff education.

These guidelines are mandatory for accreditation and are aligned with the [RACGP Standards for General Practices 4th edition](#) criterion 5.3.3 Healthcare Associated Infections.

You can find resources such as fact sheets and posters on the [Hand Hygiene Australia](#) website. The [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare](#) has information, signs, online learning modules, toolkit and [guidebook](#) for primary care settings.

Information, fact sheets and other resources for health professionals, including [pandemic preparedness](#), [cough etiquette poster](#) and [hand washing poster](#) can be found at the [NSW Health](#) website. You may also wish to check with your accreditation provider, for example [GPA has factsheets](#) on infection prevention and control topics to assist practices to comply with accreditation requirements.

Resources for managing [Clinical Waste](#) can be found at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/clinicalwaste/Pages/default.aspx>

Information for patients

The [NSW Health](#) website has information for the community on pandemic preparedness; also, the [Winter Wise](#) website has information for consumers on how to prepare for the cold and flu season.

The COORDINARE website

COORDINARE website: www.coordinare.org.au 'Tools for general practice/quality and safety'

Education

- The Department of Education provides a course: ['Comply with Infection Control Policies and Procedures'](#)
- GPA: www.gpa.net.au

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- AGPAL: www.agpal.com.au/resources/online-learning/
- The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare: <http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/healthcare-associated-infection/national-infection-control-guidelines/>
- The Benchmark Group: <http://www.benchmarkgroup.com.au/>
- APNA (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Assn): www.apna.asn.au
- Marjen Education Services: www.marjenes.com.au/

Useful links:

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care
<http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/healthcare-associated-infection/national-infection-control-guidelines/>

(NHMRC) Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Health Care (2010)
<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/cd33>

RACGP Infection Prevention and Control Standards 5th Edition 2014
<http://www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/standards/infectioncontrol/>

Hand Hygiene Australia
<http://www.hha.org.au/ForHealthcareWorkers/promotion.aspx>

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NSW Health
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GPA factsheets
<http://www.gpa.net.au/practices/resources/fact-sheets>