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IPCNC

PREVENTING SEPSIS – WORLD HH DAY

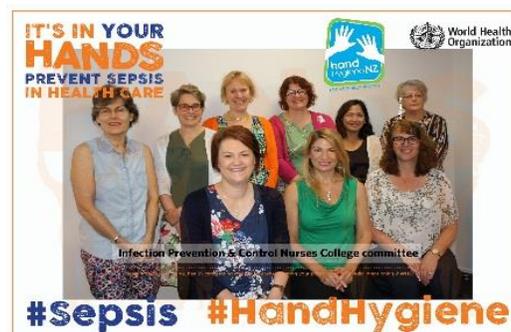
From the Editor

By Claire Underwood

Hello and welcome to the May edition of the Infection Controlla.

World Hand hygiene day always reminds us that we are nearly half way through the year and we wonder how the weeks have gone so fast! The theme for this year's day was Preventing Sepsis and the IP&C committee did their best to drive this important message, with our photo below.

In this edition we have the reports from the committee roles on pages 2 -4. On page 5 is a conference update. Regional reports and upcoming study days are on pages 6-7. Flu tracking on page 8 is an initiative being driven by the ministry of health which I encourage you to take part in via this link <https://info.flutracking.net/> Webber presentations are on pages 9& 10. If there is anything that you would like to contribute to the next edition please let me know.



Chairperson Report

By Robyn Boyne

Here it is, May already and I am enjoying the milder than usual temperatures. I have lit my fire a few times but generally end up having to open up all the doors and letting the fire die down as it gets too hot!

It was good to catch up with many of you at the HQSC meeting on May 17th. Sorry I didn't get to speak with everyone I would have liked to, but I hope you all, as I did, found it to be an interesting and stimulating day.

We were challenged and inspired by keynote speaker Mathew Ames, an Australian man who has lost all his limbs because of a Strep infection that was not recognized quickly enough. His was a very real reminder of why we all need to continue to work so hard to prevent healthcare consumers from getting infections.

One of the most rewarding parts of the day was the afternoon session where we "unconferenced". This is not something I had ever done before, but was a process where we as groups and/or individually, had to come up with ideas or issues that we wanted to focus on. We had to write down our thoughts and then 'sell' our ideas to the whole group first by giving a 30 second pitch. These ideas were sorted and grouped and we each had to go and vote for 4 of our favored topics. There were over 20 to choose from and the overwhelming favourite was one that asked for a national 'bundle' approach to Intravenous line insertion and care. This fitted in nicely with one of the morning talks where 3 speakers gave their ideas on peripheral intravenous line management. HQSC will look at all the ideas and issues we came up with, to help inform the work they do. Keep checking the HQSC website where the presentations from this day will soon be posted.

The committee has still not had a face to face meeting this year, as several different circumstances have conspired to prevent it. We are finally meeting on June 13th and 14th, barring catastrophe! We have a lot to discuss, as well as having a visit from staff from the ACC Injury Prevention team.

ACC are very keen to partner with us in coming up with ideas for International Infection Prevention Week in October, and to which they may be able to provide some support. They are interested in whether any DHBs currently do anything to support International Infection Prevention Week and if so, what they do. They are suggesting a different focus to hand hygiene and wondered about peripheral intravenous care, or aseptic non touch technique (both of which were on the agenda at the HQSC meeting). If anyone has any ideas, please let me know and I will pass them on.

And now, a very important issue to bring to your attention. I will be stepping down this year, along with Carolyn Clissold and Francie Morgan from the committee. We need you to be thinking about putting yourselves forward to come onto the committee. Don't think that you don't have enough knowledge or experience, as everyone has something they can offer. The criteria are that you must be a full member of the College and therefore working in an IPC role, and have been a member of the College for at least 2 years. Please contact me if you have any questions about what being on the committee may involve.



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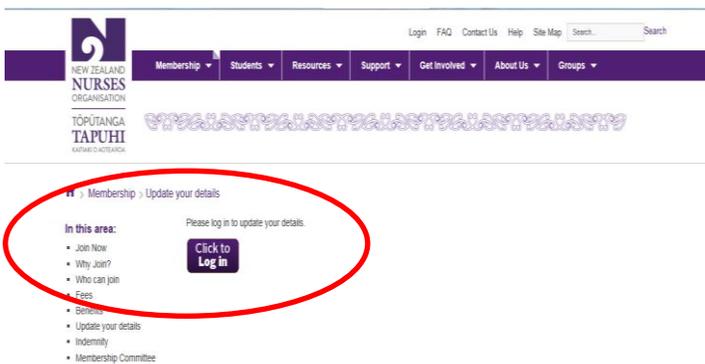
Membership is slow but steady over the last few months. Interest in becoming an associate member is actively being requested and we have two new associate members!

Please remember to update your details (see below) on both the IPCNC website and the NZNO website to ensure you are receiving our newsletters and regional coordinator education events details and of course access to our wonderful forums.

If you change your contact details it is really important you update on both the IPCNC website.



And the NZNO website



The NZNO give updates every two weeks to the regional coordinators with members details. Coming soon will be a link on the IPCNC website to the NZNO

site. For further information and support please do not hesitate to contact me at:

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Keep Up the good work

Justine

Financial Report

Currently we still have healthy bank accounts.

As of 23-5-18 we have:-

\$34,031 in the cheque account and

\$12,195.13 in the savings account

\$59,031 in Term deposit which renews in January 2019 &

\$ 26,196 in the term deposit which renews in October 2018.

We are now 'on- line bankers', under the auspices of NZNO. This means that any requests for funding need to be done using the relevant form (See website) which must contain your bank account number. I am beginning to train up Jo Stoddart to take over this role, so you may see her name on the bottom of the new funding request forms.

Please approach your College if you have Infection, Prevention and Control study that needs funding. See the member part of the website for details.

Carolyn.Clissold@ccdhb.org.nz Treasurer Infection, Prevention and Control Nurses College (IPCNC)



<https://www.ipcconference.co.nz/>

Key Note Speakers:



Professor Dinah Gould

Hawthorn effect on hand hygiene; Attitudes to Infection prevention & Control; Aseptic technique vs clean



Terry McAuley

The challenges involved in implementing AS/NZS4187:2014. Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in office-based practice – what does the future hold?



Professor Cathryn Murphy:

Use and cleaning of ultra sound probes for peripheral and central line placement (new Guideline from ACIPC-ASUM)

Local speakers will also be speaking on the following subjects

- The history of Antibiotics
- Tuberculosis
- Management of MDRO's
- Emerging issues such as CRE and Candida auris.
- HIV and AIDS,
- Influenza & the Shivers Study
- Antimicrobial resistance

A pre-conference session on Steam and Microfibre cleaning will be held on the evening on the 30th October at Hutt Hospital

For information not found on the website please contact Claire.underwood@huttvalleydhb.org.nz

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Regional Reports and future study days



SAVE THE DATE

Auckland Regional IPCN College Forum
“Water in Patient Care Environments”

Tuesday 3rd July 2018

9.30am - 3.30pm

Obex Conference & Education Centre

Level 1, 303 Manukau Road, Epsom Auckland

*Programme in development, registrations essential
For bookings email: francie.morgan@mercyascot.co.nz*

Registration Fee:

- free to College Members

- \$50.00 (GST incl) for non-members; non-refundable



Canterbury

The South Island Infection Prevention and Control College group plan to meet on Friday 11th May at the NZNO offices in Christchurch. The meeting will feature an education session followed by the meeting agenda. Afternoon tea will be provided and all regional members are welcome to attend or call in via teleconference if unable to attend in person. I will be resigning as Regional Coordinator of the group at this meeting having served a 4 year term so we will be seeking nominations for a new coordinator. I would also like to appoint a secretary to support this role as there has not been anyone in this position for the last 2 years. Please contact me if you would like to discuss either of these roles beforehand.

Although the regional group is not organising a study day this year, it has been busy with initial planning for the 2019 conference due to be held in Christchurch. We have secured a venue and 3 keynote speakers which we will be able to outline at the forthcoming national conference in Lower Hutt.

Jane Barnett

Regional Coordinator

South Island

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Greater Wellington Region

A meeting was held at Boulcott Hospital on 12.3.2018 and Carolyn Clissold presented on her learning points from the Canberra IP&C conference. Highlights from this were the following very interesting issues:

- Sinks and doing sink audits – what do we put down our sinks and how this is a feature in outbreaks?
- Candida auris – the new kid-on-the-block for resistant bugs although this one is a fungus.
- Cleaning of transducers – please look at how this is currently done in your hospital

Updates from each hospital of any topical issues - this was around cleaning of endoscopes

Carolyn Clissold discussed the ways in which we identify risks in our job and how these are managed and escalated. This is important because the risk can take time to address or raise to higher level i.e. MoH. The balance between identifying risks and being able to adequately address them is sometimes very hard to achieve in the IPC arena.

A Risk audit is conducted by HVDHB twice a year – taken from Monash hospital in Australia. This can be adapted to suit any area.

Claire Underwood

Greater Wellington Region, Coordinator

Southern report

Over the past few days we certainly have been notified that we live in the Deep South. Winter is upon us and with that the influenza vaccination programmes are in full swing in both the community and hospital settings.

After a few false starts our next study and meeting day is to be held on Friday 8th June at the Balmacewen Golf club in Dunedin. The draft programme has been circulated to members and looks to be covering a wide range of topics from MDRO's to shingles, influenza to antibiotic stewardship. I highly recommend our Southern members to attend these study days. The information gained from the presenters' is great and the networking is invaluable.

Jane Miedema

Regional Coordinator

Southern region

Midland Region

There will be a meeting at the end of August that Elsie Trutor is planning. Please contact her for more details if you wish to attend

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Central Region

There was no recent gathering for the Central Region, the next one is planned for 7th November 2018 at Wanganui Hospital contact Jacqui Pennefather to register for the day.

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FluTracking

LET'S TRACK THE FLU, SO WE CAN HELP YOU

FluTracking is an online initiative that lets you help us track influenza ... and it's all new to New Zealand.

Registering is completely voluntary and free. Once you [sign up](#) you will be sent a link to answer a few flu-related questions each week during the flu season.

The survey is completed in less than 10 seconds and can provide valuable information to map out the onset of flu by region and severity of the influenza season.

Individual answers are kept confidential and only aggregated data will be published in weekly reports.

The information gathered will be used to inform planning ahead of future influenza seasons.

FluTracking lets you participate directly with a few clicks of the mouse —individuals and families can make a real difference.

The more people who [sign up](#), the more accurate the data across New Zealand will be. So please [sign up](#) today and help us track the flu!

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FluTracking New Zealand is a joint initiative of the Public Health Group from the Ministry of Health of New Zealand and Hunter New England Population Health, NSW, Australia.



Webber Training Teleclasses

www.webbertraining.com

To listen to these lectures visit the web site for information on joining. Free to members.

June 13, 2018	<p><i>(South Pacific Teleclass)</i> <u>INVOLVING PATIENTS IN UNDERSTANDING HOSPITAL INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL USING VIDEO-REFLEXIVE METHODS</u> Speaker: Dr. Mary Wyer, University of Sydney, Australia</p>	View
June 21, 2018	<p><i>(FREE Teleclass)</i> <u>THE FUTURE OF INFECTION CONTROL – BRIGHT OR BLEAK?</u> Speaker: Martin Kiernan, University of West London</p>	
July 17, 2018	<p><i>(FREE European Teleclass)</i> <u>HOSPITAL INFECTION CONTROL FROM A DEVELOPING COUNTRY'S PERSPECTIVE</u> Speaker: Dr. Aamer Ikram, Director, National Institute of Health, Islamabad, Pakistan</p>	
July 19, 2018	<p><u>FLOOD REMEDIATION IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES – INFECTION CONTROL IMPLICATIONS</u> Speaker: Andrew Streifel, University of Minnesota</p>	
August 16, 2018	<p><i>(FREE Teleclass)</i> <u>INTERPRETING RESEARCH EVIDENCE: A KEY SKILL FOR INFECTION CONTROL PROFESSIONALS</u> Speaker: Prof. Donna Moralejo, Memorial University School of Nursing, Newfoundland</p>	
August 22, 2018	<p><i>(South Pacific Teleclass)</i> <u>CONTROL OF CARBAPENEMASE-PRODUCING ENTEROBACTERIACEA IN AN ENDEMIC SETTING: DO CLASSICAL IPC METHODS WORK FOR NEW AGE BUGS?</u> Speaker: Dr. Kalisvar Marimuthu, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore</p>	
September 6, 2018	<p><u>MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS AND ITS ROLE IN INFECTION PREVENTION</u> Speaker: Sanchita Das, University of Chicago</p>	
September 13, 2018	<p><i>(FREE Teleclass)</i> <u>NEONATAL SEPSIS PREVENTION IN LOW-RESOURCE SETTINGS</u> Speaker: Prof. Dr Angela Dramowski, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town</p>	
September 27, 2018	<p><u>CHLORHEXIDINE USE AND BACTERIAL RESISTANCE</u> Speaker: Prof. Jean Yves Maillard, Cardiff University, Wales</p>	
September 30, 2018	<p><i>(FREE European Teleclass - Broadcast live from the 2018 IPS conference)</i> <u>Cottrell Lecture ... SURVEILLANCE BY OBJECTIVES: USING MEASUREMENT IN</u></p>	

THE PREVENTION OF HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS

Speaker: **Prof. Jennie Wilson**, University of West London

(FREE CBIC Teleclass)

October 11, 2018

INFECTION CONTROL CHAMPIONS ARE MADE, NOT BORN

Speaker: **To be announced**

(South Pacific Teleclass)

October 17, 2018

BIOFILMS IN THE HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT - INFECTION CONTROL IMPLICATIONS

Speaker: **Prof. Karen Vickery**, Macquarie University, Australia

INFECTION PREVENTION CORE PRACTICES: RESETTING THE BAR FOR SAFE PATIENT CARE

October 18, 2018

Speaker: **Prof. Ruth Carrico**, University of Louisville

Sponsored by GOJO (www.gojo.com)

(FREE Teleclass)

October 25, 2018

"AHEAD" – A CONSOLIDATED FRAMEWORK FOR BEHAVIOURAL INFECTIOUS RISKS IN ACUTE CARE

Speaker: **Prof. Hugo Sax** and **Dr. Lauren Clack**, University of Zurich Hospitals

MYTHS AND FACTS REGARDING INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN OUTBREAK SETTINGS

November 8, 2018

Speaker: **Prof. Adriano Duse**, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

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HEPATITIS C IN PRISONS - FROM INDIVIDUAL CARE TO VIRAL ERADICATION STRATEGY: A BENEFIT FOR THE COMMUNITY

November 15, 2018

Speaker: **Dr. Roberto Ranieri** and **Dr. Ruggero Giuliani**, Penitentiary Infectious Diseases Unit, Santi Paolo e Carlo Hospital, University of Milan, Italy

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS IN 2018, AND WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2019

December 6, 2018

Speaker: **Dr. Larry Madoff**, ProMED Editor, Director, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization, Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health

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WE WILL ALSO BROADCAST LIVE FROM THESE CONFERENCES ...

I hope that you can attend them in person, but if not, we will broadcast one or more lectures live from each of the following conferences:

... [Infection Control Africa Network](#) (July 8-11)

... [Infection Prevention Society](#) (September 30-October 2)

... [New Zealand Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College](#) (October 31-November 2)

... [Healthcare Infection Society](#) (November 26-28)

ABBREVIATIONS

Below is a list of some of the abbreviations used in the Infection Prevention & Control world. Feel free to email me with more.

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
IP&C	Infection Prevention & Control
IPCNC	Infection Prevention & Control Nurses College
NDICN	National Division Infection Control Nurses
HQSC	Health Quality & Safety Commission
HAIGG	Healthcare Associated Infections Governance Group
SSI	Surgical Site Infection
ACC	Accident Compensation Corporation
ASID	Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases
ACIPC	Australasian College for Infection Prevention & Control
SIPCAG	Strategic Infection Prevention & Control Advisory Group

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