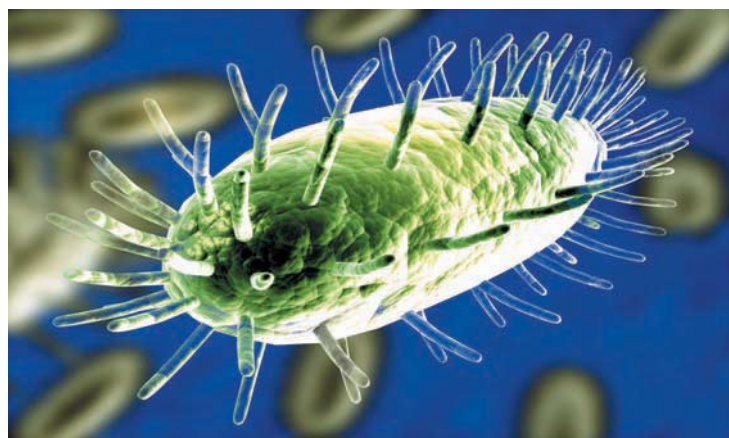


# HMI: Hitting the right note with infection control training DVD

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The HMI Standards Precautions for Infection Control DVDs have been hitting the right note with infection control nurses, managers and trainers across the country. During the summer, HMI completed the development of their Community edition training DVD on Standard Precautions for Infection Control. The DVD, almost 12 months in the making is receiving excellent feedback from users who give credit to the excellent hand hygiene videos and the ease at which information on infection control guidelines is transmitted. This training DVD builds on the success of the first in the series, the Hospital Edition that is now in use in the majority of public and private hospitals nationally.

With a lot of interest in the DVD, come a lot of questions! Below are some of the answers to the Who, Where, What, Why, When and How questions that you might be asking about the HMI Standard Precautions for Infection Control training DVD.

**Who was involved in making it?**

The HMI worked with their training partners shrc limited to develop the DVD. During the development process leading experts in the field of infection control, microbiology and waste management were consulted and provided much needed advice and guidance. The DVD is endorsed by the Infection Prevention Society.

**Where is the target audience?**

The Community edition DVD is targeted at healthcare staff working in

the Community setting including:

- Community Hospitals
- Health Centres
- GP practices
- Clinics
- Childcare
- Disability or Mental Health Services
- Residential Care
- Day-Care
- Home Support Services

**What does it cover?**

The DVD contains four training modules covering the areas of:

1. **Infection prevention and control:** This module provides an understanding of healthcare associated infection and uses the chain of infection to explain how infections are spread. It also outlines the need to control infection and the responsibilities of healthcare workers in the Community.
2. **Hand Hygiene:** This module explains why hand hygiene is essential and outlines the importance of personal responsibility in maintaining good hand hygiene. It demonstrates the techniques for social and antiseptic hand hygiene and explains the circumstances for the use of each.
3. **Waste Management and Decontamination Issues:** This module deals with two areas. Waste Management is concerned with the disposal of healthcare non-risk and risk waste and the handling of sharp items like needles. The Decontamination area is concerned with environmental

and equipment cleanliness, the correct management of body fluid and blood spills and the correct handling of used linen.

4. **Personal Protection:** This module focuses on the use of personal protective equipment. This relates to the appropriate use of gloves and aprons and other protective equipment for performing specific care tasks.

**Why invest?**

Training in infection control is made easier with the use of training aids that are easy to understand and reflects the reality of daily life in Community healthcare environment. The HMI Standard Precautions DVD meets these needs by reflecting the context of the Irish healthcare environment. It is based on best practice and Irish national guidelines, a first for the Irish market. In addition to the training DVD, support materials give trainers direction on the delivery of facilitated sessions that encourage learner participation. The workbook provides an opportunity to assess knowledge transfer and to have a learning record for hygiene audits or internal records.

**When is it available?**

The DVD is available now. Orders are despatched within 24 hours.

**How do I get the DVD?**

For more information or to purchase this unique Irish based DVD, contact Ann on 01 2974070 or email [hmi@shrc.ie](mailto:hmi@shrc.ie)

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