

Minister launches HMI DVD on infection prevention and control

Health Minister, Ms. Mary Harney T.D. said that the new HMI DVD on infection prevention and control should be part of the training of healthcare staff, when she officially launched it in Buswell's Hotel, Dublin



HMI Launch of "Standard Precautions In The Irish Healthcare Setting." Mr Denis Doherty President Health Management Institute, Mr Michael Scanlan Secretary General of the Department of Health and Children, Ms Mary Harney T.D. Minister for Health and Children, Dr Pat Doorley, Director of Public Health, Midland Health Board

The Minister congratulated the HMI and its partner shrc limited on producing the DVD which she said "would be an invaluable tool in the joint effort to fight hospital acquired infection in Ireland."

She said that public hospitals did not have as many isolation facilities as were required and that in these cases, infection prevention must come before access to single rooms.

The Minister also said some hospitals were like railway stations with people wandering in and out. While nobody wanted to be a 'Big Brother,' restricted visiting worked in maternity hospitals and sick people did need

long rest periods.

She said we should also focus on the private health system, where 180,000 people were treated each year. Ireland was moving close to an accreditation licensing system.

Inspired

The DVD "Standard Precautions In The Irish Healthcare Setting," is the only nationally developed product covering the area of standard precautions. It follows the principles outlined on the Irish Regional Branch of the Infection Control Nurses Association Standards Precautions poster and is based on Irish national

guidelines where available and best practice in standard precautions.

HMI President, Mr. Denis Doherty said that the Minister's strong, determined and convincing leadership had inspired the HMI to produce the DVD.

Dr. Pat Doorley, HSE National Director of Population Health said that the HSE had a target over the next five years of a 20% reduction in health acquired infections, a 30% decrease in MRSA infections and a 20% reduction in antibiotic use.

The DVD developed in co-operation with the ICNA took almost 18 months to complete and accrued

almost 500 development hours. Seven different hospitals and health-care environments are used to capture 49 different videos and 120 pictures and graphics that are included in the DVD.

Mr. Conor Hannaway, Director shrclimited said the completion of the DVD (Hospital edition) and training pack is a step forward in supporting Infection Control in the prevention and control of healthcare associated infection (HCAI) in the hospital environment.



Modules

The DVD has four modules and covers a number of different areas within each:

HMI leads the way in Standard Precautions training for Infection Control. Dr Pat Doorley National Director, Population Health HSE, Minister for Health & Children Mary Harney TD, Ms Celine O'Carroll President, Infection Control Nurses Association, Mr Denis Doherty President, Health Management Institute, Mr Conor Hannaway eLearning Project Manager Health Management Institute

1. Infection prevention and control

- What a HCAI is
- The main types of HCAI
- Why there has been an increase in the occurrence of hcai in Ireland
- How the spread of infections occur
- Why the need to control infection
- Your role in infection prevention and control

- Your role in healthcare waste management and decontamination

2. Hand hygiene

- Why hand hygiene is so important
- When to perform hand hygiene
- The different types of hand hygiene
- How to use each hand hygiene technique
- Your role in hand hygiene

4. Personal protection equipment

- Why it is important to use personal protective equipment
- When and how to use each type of personal protective equipment
- How to handle inoculation injuries
- Your role in personal protection

'Standard Precautions in the Irish healthcare setting' can be used as part of a larger training session for groups of people or as an independent learning resource for individual staff members. It is particularly useful for the induction of new or agency staff.

3. Waste management and decontamination issues

- The different types of healthcare waste
- The methods of waste packaging and disposal
- How to correctly manage sharps
- When and how to segregate laundry
- The different types of decontamination

Compliance

As part of the training resource, a Facilitator's Guide is provided to support Infection Control Nurses/Trainers who are completing training with groups of people. The guide offers suggested time frames for a facilitated session, discussion questions for pre and post DVD view-

ing and the complete voiceover content. It also contains a Participant Workbook which participants should be encouraged to complete. The workbook contains a number of questions to reinforce learning but most importantly, when completed and signed by the participant, it gives the hospital a training record for compliance purposes. The training resource can be purchased with or without a portable DVD player. The portable DVD player is very effective and efficient for training individuals on an ad hoc basis.

The DVD training resource is sold as a site licence based on the number of employees working in the hospital. The site licence ensures that the training resource can be kept up to date and in line with national guidelines and best practice. As the DVD is updated to reflect changes in national guidelines, hospitals holding a site licence will be notified of an update and can order the DVD at a discounted rate.

If you would like to arrange a demonstration in your hospital, please contact Ann on (01) 2974070