Infection Prevention & Control – Current Awareness

Welcome to another current awareness bulletin from the Library, this time focusing on infection prevention and control.

Presented here is our selection of the latest evidence including guidance, research, e-learning, patient information and more. We hope it will help to demystify the variety of resources out there and allow you to make the fullest use of the information available to Library members - you'll notice a mix of perennial resources like national guidelines as well as more up-to-the-minute journal articles. As always, remember to get in touch if you need help finding specific clinical information no matter the topic - and if there's a current awareness bulletin you'd love to see, we'd love to hear about it!

Guidelines, Guidance & Toolkits

Creating a Strategic Focus to Support the Prevention of Infection: RCN statement
Royal College of Nursing, November 2017

Essential Practice for Infection Prevention and Control: Guidance for nursing staff
Royal College of Nursing, November 2017

Reducing the impact of serious infections CQUIN 2018/19
NHS Improvement, January 2019

Epic3 guidelines for preventing healthcare-associated infections
NHS Improvement, March 2017

Antimicrobial prescribing for common infections overview
NICE, October 2017
Antimicrobial stewardship: changing risk-related behaviours in the general population
NICE, January 2017

Infection prevention and control in paediatric office settings
Canadian Paediatric Society, November 2018

Health matters: preventing infections and reducing AMR
Public Health England, November 2017

Public health guidance on screening and vaccination for infectious diseases in newly arrived migrants within the EU/EEA
European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, December 2018

EU Guidelines for the prudent use of antimicrobials in human health
European Commission, July 2017

Managing common infections: guidance for primary care
Public Health England, December 2018

Healthcare Associated Infections
NHS Improvement, March 2017

Surgical site infection surveillance service: protocol and guides
NHS Improvement, December 2017

Reprocessing of flexible endoscopes and endoscopic accessories used in gastrointestinal endoscopy
European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, November 2018

Antibiotics treatment of clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea or colitis
Canadian Medical Association, May 2017

MRSA: guidance on post-infection review
NHS Improvement, March 2018

Clostridium difficile infection objectives
NHS Improvement, October 2018

Evidence Summaries and Reviews
Ethanol locks in catheters for dialysis may prevent sepsis
NIHR, September 2018

Antimicrobial resistance
House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee, October 2018

Medicines Evidence Commentary: Antimicrobial stewardship: Comparative efficacy of antibiotics for Clostridium difficile infection
NICE, November 2018

Leaving the EU: Antimicrobial Resistance
House of Lords, August 2018
Daily low-dose antibiotics have urinary tract infections in people who self-catheterise
NIHR, August 2018

Clostridioides (formerly clostridium) difficile infection: prevention and control
UpToDate, 2019

Overview of control measures for prevention of surgical site infection in adults
UpToDate, 2018 [literature review current through Feb 2019]

e-Learning, CPD & Training
Antimicrobial Resistance and Infections
e-Learning for Healthcare

Safe Prescribing
e-Learning for Healthcare

Infection, Prevention & Control Training (fees apply)
Skills Platform

Infection prevention and control Information and learning resources for health care staff
Royal College of Nursing

MSc Infection Control
University of Essex

Recommended courses
Infection Prevention Society

Patient Information
How to wash your hands
NHS, 2016

Norovirus
Tidy, C. for Patient, 2018

Facts about flu and the flu vaccine
NHS, 2017

Flu jab and other vaccines [information for people living with HIV]
Terrance Higgins Trust, 2018

Immunisation for flu
Patient, 2018

Reducing the risk of healthcare associated infection
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, 2016

MRSA
Patient, 2016
Antimicrobial stewardship: systems and processes for effective antimicrobial medicine use: information for the public [NG15]
NICE, 2015

Infection prevention and control: information for the public [QS61]
NICE, 2014

Antibiotics
Patient, 2018

Drugs, Prescribing & Technical Information
UK One Health Report: antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance in animals and humans
Public Health England, January 2019

The risk of MRSA and C difficile in people with documented ‘penicillin allergy’
NICE, September 2018

Antimicrobial stewardship: prescribing antibiotics
NICE, February 2018

Biopatch for venous or arterial catheter sites
NICE, August 2017

Preventing recurrence of Clostridium difficile infection: bezlotoxumab
NICE, June 2017

MRSA
BNF

Gastro-intestinal system infections, antibacterial therapy
BNF

Antibacterials, use for prophylaxis
BNF

Vaccines
BNF
Recent Journal Articles

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Bakan AB, Arli SK. Development of the peripheral and central venous catheter-related bloodstream infection prevention knowledge and attitudes scale. Nursing in critical care. 2019. (Available through OpenAthens)


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