

Control of Infection - The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland

Aim:

To ensure that individuals who have direct or indirect patient/client contact have a greater understanding of basic health infection control precautions and to provide them with a comprehensive range of relevant core competencies:

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand the infrastructure for infection control within the working environment, including the need for policies and procedures.
- Define the role of the employer and employee in preventing and controlling infection.
- Describe ways of preventing the transmission of micro-organisms, with particular reference to hand hygiene.
- Define what is meant by 'the chain of infection'
- Understand the importance of personal vigilance and high standards of care in breaking the chain of infection.
- Outline the factors that increase susceptibility to infection.
- Understanding of the factors influencing the spread of micro-organisms.
- Understand the means by which micro-organisms can be transmitted.
- Understand how the two most common Healthcare Associated Infections, namely methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (**MRSA**) and **Clostridium difficile**, should be managed.
- Understand the rationale for the need for isolation in certain circumstances.
- Understand the purpose of and the need for personal protective clothing and equipment.
- Understand best practice relating to: Prevention of occupational exposure to infection; Management of blood and body fluid spillages; Management of care equipment; Safe disposal of waste, including sharps; Safe handling, transport and processing of linen; Environmental control
- Understand the need for staff/visitor/client compliance with set organisational policies.
- Be aware of the law regarding public health and control of infection.
- Be aware of the role of the relevant regulatory and advisory agencies.

Target Group:

All staff who provide a care service, including persons with minimal contact; staff who have contact with equipment related to service delivery and/or contracted or voluntary staff engaged with these activities.

Duration:

One day

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