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NZNO IPCNC October Edition 2024

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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EDITORIAL: By Anne-Maree Wagg

Welcome to the October edition of the Controlla. Spring has sprung and we are heading toward Christmas and New Year. It seems so long ago that we were in the grips of a worldwide pandemic.

Hope this all finds you well. Although I am sure that as bugs never rest, we will always be diligently maintaining the war on bacteria. It would be nice to think we could focus more on prevention yet at times our role is consumed with controlling outbreaks and avoidable infections.

NZNO had its annual AGM and conference in September. There was feedback from the constitution review committee and the conference had the theme to challenge the system.

Speaking of AGMs, we have ours coming up **1st November @1300hrs**. Before the AGM at 12.30 Anne Hutley from Hutt Valley will present on the newly launched Asepsis bundle. I'm looking forward to your attendance.

This edition of the Controlla has the usual reports and info. We have another Historic Corner installment straight from the archives!! Also, an exciting update on the 2024 Conference to be held in Hamilton/ Kirikiriroa.

Enjoy 😊

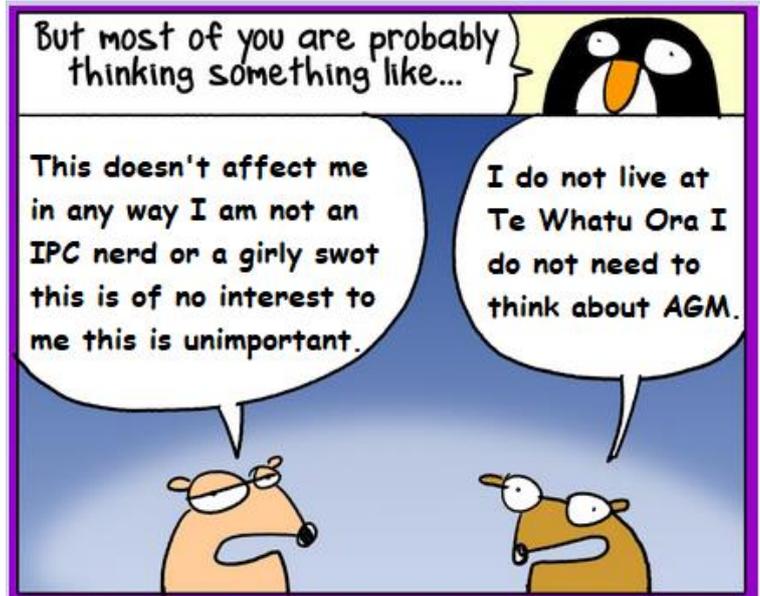
Anne-Maree

NZNO IPCNC

Your Annual General Meeting (AGM) is:

1st November 1300-1430

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Without enough people at AGM, the IPCNC does not work very well. All colleges must have an AGM. Last year, despite a packed-out conference, we did not have the minimum number of people at AGM.

We could not make plans for our money. We could not tell you how to use the website, or the Fundamentals Programme, because you were not there. You could not tell us what you wanted.

This year we will discuss:

- How to meet the needs of IPC nurses in all sectors of healthcare
- Who is leading IPCNC and what we want from them.
- Whether to give the Chair and Secretary honoraria or \$5000 and \$3000 respectively

If you cannot attend, please email Secretary@IPCNC.co.nz to tell us.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Infection Prevention & Control Nurses College (IPCNC), NZNO

Will be held on

Wednesday, 1 November 2023 @ 1pm

Via teams/zoom

[Join on](#) your computer, mobile app or room device.

****Click [here](#) to join the meeting**

Meeting ID: 484 118 345 158

Passcode: mdGtMu

All full members of the IPCNC, NZNO are invited to the AGM, Associate members may attend as observers. With permission of the chair, you may be granted speaking rights only. No voting rights.

Please forward any apologies to secretary@ipcnc.co.nz

Agenda

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Minutes of previous AGM
- Matters arising
- Correspondence inwards/outwards summary
- Reports
 - Chair report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Annual report has been distributed with the agenda and is available for reading on the website. It incorporates the following annual summary reports:
 - Communications and Publications
 - Website
 - Membership
 - Education
 - PNA report
- Rule Changes and Remits (none received)
- Policy updates
 - Framework
- New business
 - Honorary membership
 - Life members
- Other business
- Election of National committee
- Close of meeting

CHAIRPERSON: Lisa Gilbert

Chair report:

Happy International Infection Prevention Week! Thank you for all your enthusiasm and passion for IPC wherever you practice.

I wish all those who put their hand up for the clinical network role the best of luck with the next stages of the interviews.

I'm mindful that there may be uncertainty in teams as the change of government influences the direction of healthcare. I am also cautiously hopeful that the groundwork of the clinical network will enable action on pieces of work that have been stalled - such as the National Infection Prevention and Control Strategy and Antimicrobial Stewardship activities.

The college has been informed that the ACC Infection Treatment Injury Group has wound up. This group looked at strategies to prevent treatment injuries related to infection by partnering with groups to enhance their ideas. Some of the work that has been supported by ACC included ICNet (a computer system) that help IPC practitioners to identify and manage infections in facilities as well as the national SSIS programme. Other work included the Know Your Lines campaign, Infection guiding principles document and the NZ Aseptic Technique. ACC chose to partner with the college to help fund the development of the Fundamentals of IPC programme we run, that programme has now provided basic IPC education for around 100 new practitioners and enabled many of our experienced members to mentor the participants. I am grateful for their work and their commitment to patient safety. I wish Delma and her team every success in their new adventures.

I am looking forward to the AGM on the 1st of Nov and the education session beforehand, and I hope to see many of you online.



Keep safe out there.

Lisa

Chair@ipcnc.co.nz

TREASURER: Sue White

IPCNC Treasurers Report 7TH September 2023

IPC conference	\$19632.96
Outgoing	\$ 9451.57 for venue Hamilton
Committee Support	\$10093.20
Outgoing	\$ 5500.00
	\$ 280 reimbursements
	\$ 250.83 IFIC
Regional Education	\$2249.36
Long Term Deposit	\$65878.96 new term deposit for 1 year 5.7%
IPCNC Education	\$41556.29
Incoming	X7 mentee payments in
Outgoing	\$3000.00 mentor payments x 2

Sue White

IPCNC Treasurer

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MEMBERSHIP: Angie Foster

IPCNC Membership report as at 20/10/2023:

2023 resignation numbers based on NZNO reporting:

January	1	April	1
February	2	May	2
March	2	June	11
July	1	August	2
September	1	October	3 (so far)
Total	26		

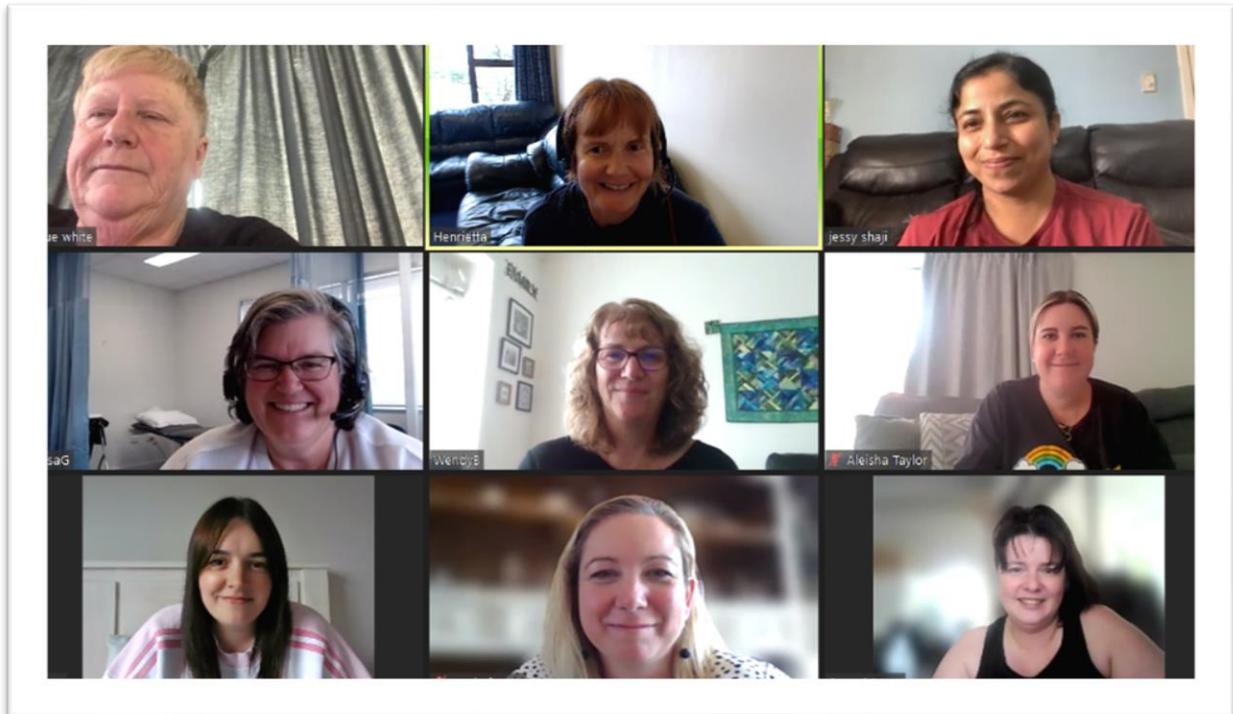
Current membership count (per website):

	Previous report (July 2023)	Current Report
Canterbury	219	222
Central	9	8
Auckland + Northland	248	246
Greater Wellington	103	105
Midlands	155	156
Southern	107	107
Total numbers (includes associate – 25 NZ wide)	841	844

Nga mihi,

Angie Foster - Membership

The NZNO IPCNC Committee:



NZNO professional Nurse adviser: Wendy Blair

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HONORARY COLLEGE MEMBERS:

- Marie Fergus
- Alison Carter
- Dr Ruth Barrett

COLLEGE LIFETIME MEMBER:

- Julienne Munroe

An invitation to join the Infection Prevention & Control Nurses College committee

What is the IPCNC committee?

This is a team of eight IPC nurse volunteers who govern the Infection Prevention & Control Nurses College (IPCNC-NZNO). The IPCNC is one of the 21 NZNO professional colleges. It is supported by a professional nursing advisor from NZNO, and receives other financial and legal support from NZNO.

Why join the IPCNC committee?

- 2.0 You can fast-track your learning on a wide variety of IPC issues.
- 3.0 You will engage with IPC nurse leaders around the country, and work with national IPC policy makers.
- 4.0 You will gain experience in working as a committee member, and in national governance.
- 5.0 You have the opportunity to polish your IPC skills and shine with them, wherever they lie.
- 6.0 Usually one of the two-day meetings is in a retreat setting, offering opportunity to socialize and learn about IPCNC work.

Roles include

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| 1 Website administrator | 4 Treasurer |
| 2 Membership coordinator | 5 Secretary |
| 3 Publications officer | 6 Chair (elected at AGM). |

Role descriptions and orientation are provided on induction.

Who can be an IPCNC committee member?

You must:

- 7.0 be a full member of IPCNC i.e. a qualified nurse employed in an IPC role,
- 8.0 a full financial member of NZNO, and
- 9.0 have at least two years' work experience in IPC.

What commitment is required from me?

- 10.0 The term of office is two years, with right of re-election for a further two years.
- 11.0 There are three 1-2 day meetings per year, the Annual General Meeting, and some teleconferences.
- 12.0 Travel and accommodation to meetings is covered by the College, as is the bi-annual IPC Conference fee.
- 13.0 NZNO informs your employer of your appointment and their obligations regarding support to your College.
- 14.0 Committee work load is variable, but anticipate about one hour per week. You must have computer access and basic computer literacy.

Interested? Fill in the application. Contact the chair chair@ipcnc.co.nz or the secretary secretary@ipcnc.co.nz if you have any questions.

EDUCATION: Aleisha Taylor

Kia ora.

I have only been in the role of education officer for a short time following my work in the membership role for most of my time on the committee. It has certainly been busy taking over the varying aspects of education from the T & E scholarships, looking into how we move forward with regional coordinators, looking for sponsorships for our fundamentals programme and starting the process of getting regular online education underway for our members.

At the AGM this year I will be stepping down from the committee to go on my next adventure of having my first baby. My husband and I are expecting in early March next year and I will be stepping back to allow for rest and preparation for our new family member. I am grateful to our college for giving me the opportunity to sit on the committee and all the learning and networking that has come from this. I am still very green in my career in the scheme of things and hope to return one day to do more work for the college, perhaps the Taranaki region will be a spot for Conference one day!



In terms of the education officer role, I have the following updates to share with our members.

Member education:

Prior to our AGM Anne Hutley from Hutt Valley will present on the newly launched Asepsis bundle. Anne will be joining us via the AGM online link at 12.30 so be sure to tune in to hear about this new project and how you can implement it within your workplace.

The college has received an offer of online learning from Dr Sonja Dawson who recently presented to the Australian College for Infection Prevention and Control on her humanitarian nursing in a non-disaster context. We will be looking into organizing Dr Dawson to present in early 2024.

For our August round of Travel and Education scholarships, five were awarded. It is fantastic to see this funding being taken up and used for further learning. Several of our college members will be attending the Australasian Infection Prevention and Control conference in November, which is incredibly exciting! I look forward to hearing about their experiences in the Controlla next year.

Fundamentals programme:

Joanne Baigent continues to run our fundamentals programme which allows our new IPC practitioners to get a thorough introduction to IPC and work with an experienced mentor. Between June 2022 and June 2023 45 certificates were awarded to practitioners who completed the programme with more cohorts currently underway. We thank the mentors who work with these new IPC professionals to support their learning as they start out in our specialty.

The college is currently looking into how this programme operates going forward and have reached out to medical and surgical supply companies throughout Australia and New Zealand calling for ongoing sponsorship of the programme.

Thank you again for having me as part of the college committee and I look forward to seeing you all soon (hopefully at conference in 2024!). Have a great rest of your year and take care 😊

Aleisha Taylor | IPCNC Education Officer



Infection Prevention & Control Nurses College, NZNO

Fundamentals Programme

Infection Prevention and Control Fundamentals Programme

This course introduces new and existing infection prevention and control practitioners to the key concepts of infection prevention and control (IPC) which underpin IPC practice in all healthcare settings.

The practitioner will complete 8 learning modules via self-directed distance learning, supported by an experienced infection prevention and control mentor. Learning will be enhanced via regular Zoom meetings with your mentor and other course participants.

This course is suitable for a healthcare worker who has a role or an interest in IPC and can commit to around 60 hours of study over 4 months. A certificate will be awarded to participants on completion of the course.

Participants can claim up to 60 professional development hours.



- Standard and Transmission-based Precautions,
- Hand hygiene,
- Microbiology, Surveillance,
- Outbreak Management,
- Communicable Diseases,
- Occupational Health,
- Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization, and
- Construction and Renovation.



Cost

The programme is currently supported by listed sponsors, free for NZNO IPCNC members. Non-IPCNC members will be required to pay \$120.

Contact the course administrator – Joanne Baigent via secretary@ipcnc.co.nz - for an application form.



CONFERENCE 2024: Hamilton/Kirikiroa

The 2024 conference website is up and running at;

<https://www.ipcnconference2024.co.nz/>

You can register there for updates and keep up to date with programme announcements.



Also start thinking about an oral or poster presentation that you'd like to submit.

The theme of “Kaitiakitanga – IPC guardians for the future” draws on our role as guardians of our community, sustainability, and looking forward to challenges ahead.

We'd love to talk to you if you have an idea but don't know where to start with a presentation.

Our Keynote speaker, Dr Stephanie Dancer, a UK-based microbiologist, and renowned author on cleaning & disinfection is confirmed to present.

Stephanie is a medical microbiologist at NHS Lanarkshire and Professor of Microbiology at Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland. She edited the *Journal of Hospital Infection* for over 20 years, five of them as editor-in-chief, and now edits for *Infection, Disease & Health*, and *International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents*. She trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London followed by postgraduate studies at Guy's Hospital, where she gained a thesis on the epidemiology and biochemistry of toxin-producing staphylococci. She has worked and travelled all over the world, including the Canadian High Arctic, where she resuscitated 30,000-year-old organisms from glacial ice. She spent six years as Infection Control Officer for Argyll before moving to Health Protection Scotland as their inaugural microbiologist (2002-5). There, she set up MRSA surveillance for Scotland, evaluated real-time PCR for MRSA screening and helped establish the Scottish Microbiology Forum. She has been a member of various working groups on antibiotic prescribing,



MRSA and hospital cleaning, and is a current or recent member of NHS Scotland Decontamination; NHS Scotland ASSURE; UK NICE (infection control & antimicrobial prescribing); UK HTA (screening and diagnostics); ESCMID groups on infection control (ESGNI), MRSA & multi-resistant Gram-negative bacilli; and 2023 ECCMID conference committee. She advised DEFRA on surface cleaning and hygiene during the COVID-19 pandemic and collaborated with an international group of virologists, physicists, ventilation engineers and aerosol scientists on airborne spread of SARS-CoV-2. She has published books, book chapters and over 200 papers in peer-reviewed journals on hospital cleaning, antimicrobial management, infection control and MRSA. At present, she balances editorial duties with research and teaching, specifically the environmental control of hospital pathogens.

Some of her publications are:

1. Dancer SJ. (2023). Hospital cleaning: past, present, and future. *Antimicrob Resist Infect Control* Aug 22;12(1):80.
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OTHER CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

Dr. Kristin Dyet: – One Health Aotearoa – co-director & an ESR scientist

Vicktoria Blake: Te Whatu Ora Interim Head of Sustainability

Kirsten Lassey and Claire Underwood: Healthcert

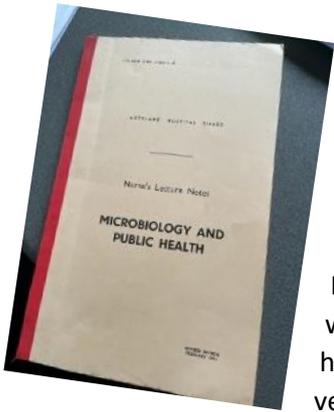
WriteNZ will be presenting on plain language and the Plain Language Act 2022.

Dr. Paul Huggan: ID physician & Cam Howard, CNS from Sepsis NZ

Dr. Hugh McGann: ID physician – VRE outbreak

Mo Issa: ID pharmacist & Brenda Waite, CNM - Antimicrobial Stewardship

Plan now to come to Hamilton 21 – 23 August 2024 and hear Stephanie and our other dynamic speakers.



In my small collection of historic (not pre -historic!!) documents I have a soft bound publication copy of the Auckland Hospital Board Nurse's Lecture Notes MICROBIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH Revised Edition February 1961. Reading through this soft bound book I find the section entitled "Medical Asepsis in Nursing Infectious Diseases" and I start to revisit the yesteryear of isolation nursing. In 1961 isolation wards in New Zealand public hospitals were the norm.

For me, in the 1970s, I got to work in our 'TB infirmary' and also in our hospital 'infected wounds' ward – both memorable experiences and both building relics from earlier public health systems! Our TB infirmary required student nurses to do night shift on their own in this very large old three-storey building that had the most antiquated lift that often did not work

AND it was rite of passage to survive these solo night shifts as it was alleged that the building was haunted, and sightings of ghosts and spirits and noises were often spoken of! We, the junior nurses, were assured by those higher up in the nursing hierarchy, aka as 'third years', that the ghosts were no longer infectious! If easily spooked, one could not rely on quick exits via the antiquated lift and the stairs were allegedly THE place where one might meet their supernatural fate!

So back in 1961 nurses were trained in the public hospital settings with hospitals having their own Schools of Nursing. The Auckland Hospital Board had a School of Nursing, and these lecture notes are testament to what was taught to student nurses at this time.

Here are some isolation nursing snippets that may be of interest to you!

'The planning of the Infectious Unit is very important. Construction must provide all amenities – for example, clean and dirty kitchens, adequate sterilising measures including an aerosol chamber, and holding tank. Swing doors are an essential.....'

'Bed spacing 12 feet. Beds 18 inches from wall. Windows open for fresh air and sunshine.....'

'Three types of isolation 1) Complete or Cell or Room Isolation 2) Cubicle Isolation 3) Barrier Isolation....'

'Everything is burnt on vacating the isolation.....gowns gloves masks, toilet requisites, soiled linen, dishes, excreta and discharges, books, papers, toys etc'

'Isolation Equipment includes: gown stand and gowns; trolley containing separate wash basin if running water not available; 2 jugs for water – one hot and one cold, masks in covered container and another covered container for soiled masks, towels, large paper bag for waste pinned to trolley, paper squares, thermometer stand, pressure area tray.'

'On the patient's locker – 2 towels, 2 face flannels, soap in container, sputum mug, supply of rag or paper handkerchiefs, brown paper bag attached to side of locker for reception of soiled handkerchiefs, table napkin.'

'Covered receptacle – for reception of soiled linen.'

AND OF COURSE WHAT ABOUT the DREADED POOS! ??

'In the isolation room.....Bucket – covered, for reception of fluid waste !!'

'In the sluice room – holding tank for disinfection of faeces, urine, washing water. Improvise with covered bucket or kerosene tin if necessary' Tub – of adequate size for soaking soiled linen. Container – covered, for rubber gloves - for bedpan and napkin. Bowl – Pine Disinfectant 1-40 for washing gloved hands.'

Those patients who were diagnosed with spore-forming organisms got lucky! In addition to the above items on the isolation trolley there was a tooth mug and bowl, wash basin, bed pan.

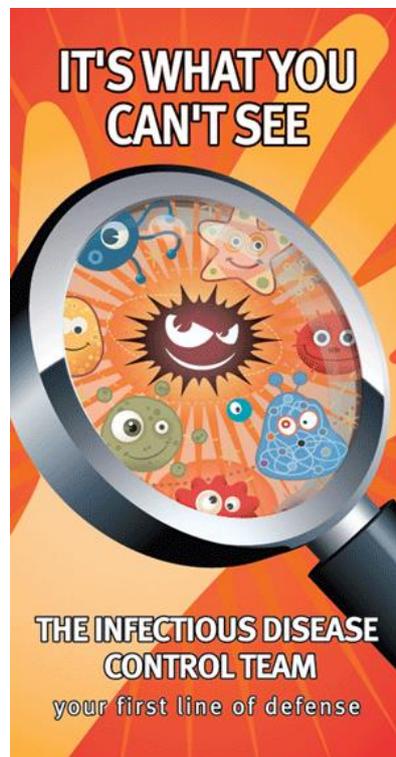
AND THERE'S MOREbut that's for another edition of the *Controlla!*

So, whilst the past isolation practices may be best left in the past, can you still spot areas where there is residual presence of some of these practices still? We have moved somewhat forwards with our practice application of "isolation nursing", but only because we have learnt so much from our **1961** Auckland Hospital Board Nurse's Lecture Notes in Microbiology and Public Health!

Till next time!

Francie M

Francie Morgan RGON NZCIC MHP pract-IPC PGDipProfEt



PANDEMONIUM

01 November 2023 Infectious Disease News from around the world

Historical review: Improvements and Persisting Challenges in COVID-19 Response Compared with 1918–19 Influenza Pandemic Response



Surprisingly, after 3 years of the COVID-19 pandemic, Aotearoa New Zealand still lacks a generic pandemic plan.

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/29/9/22-1265_article

Covid-19 subvariant BA.2.86 has been detected in New Zealand. The Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) found traces of it in wastewater samples taken earlier in September.

<https://www.msn.com/en-nz/news/national/covid-19-subvariant-ba-2-86-found-in-new-zealand/>

Up to 2% of UK hospital patients acquired infection after being admitted. Between 95 000 and 167 000 patients are estimated to have caught covid-19 in England’s hospitals during the second wave of the pandemic while being treated for other problems.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-023-06634-z>

UK death rate is still higher than before pandemic <https://www.bmi.com/content/383/bmi.p2371?>



Menopause. Researchers try to tease out possible ties between long Covid and menopause. The evidence collected is primarily anecdotal, and few specialists in the U.S. are working on possible ties between long Covid and menopause.

<https://www.statnews.com/2023/10/20/long-covid-menopause-research/?utm>

VETERINARY NEWS

Ancient pathogens provide a window into health and well-being. The process of domestication, which largely started during the Holocene in multiple locations around the globe, altered human subsistence, culture, and health.



<https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.2209476119>

Pregnancy. Pregnant women are being urged to get the covid vaccine after an expert group found that “confused messaging and vaccine hesitancy” may have contributed to the deaths of 27 women in UK during the pandemic.



<https://www.bmi.com/content/383/bmi.p2388>

New Zealand's Covid-19 response saved 20,000 lives

<https://www.msn.com/en-nz/health/other/new-zealand-s-covid-19-response-saved-20-000-lives-research/ar-AA1hKEjs>

Learning from Covid-19 serology surveillance to inform future pandemic preparedness.

[https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736\(23\)00964-9.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(23)00964-9.pdf)

Deaths from respiratory diseases ‘not inevitable’. Key ongoing

measures would include improving indoor air quality, increasing sick leave support and wearing masks in healthcare settings and looking at mandating masks on public transport, especially in winter.

<https://www.thepost.co.nz/a/nz-news/350085669/deaths-respiratory-diseases-not-inevitable>

These two paywalled articles may be available from library resources

Respiratory syncytial virus in adults with comorbidities: an update on epidemiology, vaccines, and treatments. This narrative review focuses on the RSV burden in older people and adults with risk factors and provides an update on the main recent developments

[https://www.clinicalmicrobiologyandinfection.com/article/S1198-743X\(23\)00412-3/fulltext](https://www.clinicalmicrobiologyandinfection.com/article/S1198-743X(23)00412-3/fulltext)

Air filter machines put into a handful of UK schools reduced the number of covid-19-related sick days by more than 20 per cent, the first randomised trial of the intervention has found. HEPA filters, devices about the size of a tall kitchen waste bin, were put in the classrooms of schools in the Bradford area. (NZ Min Educ ordered them for use in schools in Dec 2021).

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2398713-schools-cut-covid-19-sick-days-by-20-per-cent-using-hepa-air-filters/>

Covid: Still here in NZ, still deadly.

<https://www.msn.com/en-nz/health/other/covid-still-here-still-deadly/ar-AA1ifsyf>

Quote: Epidemiologist Professor Amanda Kvalsvig has said the pandemic response showed airborne infections are much more preventable than previously thought.

Chlorhexidine Bathing Routine Reduces hand and surface-borne Infections such as MRSA in California nursing homes.

<https://www.ahrq.gov/news/pressroom/press-releases/chlorhexidine-bathing.html>



Continued mitigation needed to minimise the high health burden from COVID-19 in Aotearoa New Zealand.

There is an opportunity to improve New Zealand’s health security by supporting the Royal Commission of Inquiry to identify a highly effective pandemic strategy for this country.

<https://journal.nzma.org.nz/journal-articles/continued-mitigation-needed-to-minimise-the-high-health-burden-from-covid-19-in-aotearoa-new-zealand>

Ctrl Click to follow a link. If a link doesn’t work, copy and paste it into the address bar of your browser or a Google search box

Website forum: in action!

Go to the website and check it out. You might need to update your personal information and join the forums you are interested in.

www.infectioncontrol.co.nz



Facebook Private Group: 190 members !

(There are 844 college members.)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/276336942979329>

Travel and Education Fund: applications up to \$2500.00

Applications close April 30th, 2024

Send to: secretary@ipcnc.co.nz



Free webinar: Preventing and managing skin problems in the residential care setting

Infection prevention and control: [Aged residential care](#)

15 November 2023

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

[Click here to register](#)



As mentioned before a few of our college members are attending the ACIPIC conference in Adelaide next month. Below is a poster presentation by Ruth Barrett and Joanne Baigent.

Meeting the educational needs of the novice IPC professional in New Zealand: The 'IPCNC Fundamentals in Infection Prevention and Control programme'

Dr Ruth Barratt, RN, CICP-E; Joanne Baigent, RN

BACKGROUND

- Infection prevention and control (IPC) is a specialised profession that requires knowledge and skills to implement the necessary evidence-based IPC practices in a health facility^{1,2}
- An academic IPC education pathway is not always feasible for novice IPC professionals to acquire IPC competencies when commencing their role
- To meet this need, the New Zealand Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College (IPCNC) developed a short on-line IPC course – delivered free to NZNO IPCNC members since December 2020

ACTIONS

- The Fundamentals of Infection Prevention and Control Programme consists of 10 learning modules (slide 2)
- Students work through the self-directed workbooks over four months to receive their certificate
- Each cohort of six students are supported by an experienced IPC mentor
- Scheduled online meetings enable networking with peers



RESULTS & CONCLUSIONS



- Positive student feedback (slide 3)
- Low course drop-out rate
- Suitable for diverse healthcare settings
- Enables confidence and capability
- Sustainable model for ongoing success

REFERENCES

1. Minimum requirements for infection prevention and control. Geneva: World Health Organisation; 2019
2. NZS 8134:2021Nga Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard



- The authors have no conflicts of interest to disclose.
- Thanks to all the mentors who make this programme possible
- Contact: Ruth Barratt, IPC Consultant, Vector Consulting at ruth@vectorconsulting.co.nz

ACIPC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

12-15 NOV 23

ADELAIDE, SA & ONLINE

Student Feedback

"Great course. Very well structured / scaffolded and excellent mentor support. I have certainly learnt the fundamentals of IPC."

Types of healthcare facilities represented

- GP practice
- Private surgical hospital
- Public hospital
- Private surgical clinic
- Mental health NGO
- Aged residential care
- Hospice
- Assisted living
- Imaging and radiology
- Accident and emergency

"This programme is very helpful for me to understand the IPC concept especially when I just started my IPC role."

"The shared sessions were very useful and created opportunities for learning and networking."

"I would highly recommend this course to anyone starting out in an IPC role."

"The course was very appropriate and relevant to my role."



Programme student from GP practice on a visit to a local hospital CSSD

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Standards available free of charge:

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Management of Healthcare Waste

The Building System Performance branch of MBIE has sponsored access to view and print a single downloadable PDF copy of this standard at no charge.

Health care services standards:

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NZS 8134:2021 Ngā Paerewa Health and disability services standard

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[Interim Standards for Abortion Services in New Zealand - Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora](#)

[NZS 8134:2021 Ngā Paerewa Health and disability services standard](#)

NZS 8134:2008 Health and disability services standards

Providers of health and disability services are required to continue to meet the requirements of these standards until 28 February 2022, when the revised NZS 8134:2021 Ngā Paerewa Health and disability services standard comes into effect.

[NZS 8134.0:2008 Health and disability services \(general\) standard](#)

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Your feedback would be great to include in the Holiday edition 😊

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