

HANDS-ON INFECTION CONTROL NEWSLETTER DAY HOSPITALS

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Important Dates

ACIPC Conference 2018

19–21 November 2018

Antibiotic Awareness Week 2018

12 – 18 November 2018

Updates

ANZCA & ACSQHC Joint Safety Update

November 2018

Topical application of Chlorhexidine and the risks of accidental injection

ACORN Standards Update

May 2018



NSQHS Standards 2nd Edition

The NSQHS Standards mapping of the second edition to the first edition is now available on the Commission's website. These fact sheets have been developed in consultation with consumers and the state-based health consumer organisations, to share advice on what consumers can expect in the NSQHS Standards (2nd ed.), the accreditation process and the Partnering with Consumers Standard.

The NSQHS Standards (2nd ed.) and supporting resources are available on the Commission's website at <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/assessment-to-the-nsqhs-standards/nsqhs-standards-second-edition/>.

Health Service Organisations (HSO) will be measured against the second edition from 1 January 2019.

AS/NZS 4187:2014

AS/NZS 4187:2014: Reprocessing of Reusable Medical Devices in Health Service Organizations

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare Advisory No: A16/03 describes the minimum requirements for HSOs to comply with Action 3.16 of the current version of the NSQHS standards.

To comply with the requirements of Action 3.16.1, where HSOs apply AS/NZS 4187:2014, they will need to:

- complete a **gap analysis** to determine the current level of compliance with AS/NZS 4187:2014 and document the findings. Access to the standard and relevant references outlined in AS/NZ 4187:2014 are also necessary to ensure that the HSOs action plan is comprehensive and addresses gaps within the organisation. Without access to these references the HSO cannot adequately assess gaps and can therefore not adequately plan for them;
- develop and document a detailed **implementation plan** using quality improvement principles specifying timeframes, milestones and deliverables to enable full implementation of AS/NZS 4187:2014 over a five year period, from December 2016; and
- implement the plan and **demonstrate progress toward implementation**.

Accrediting agencies are required to:

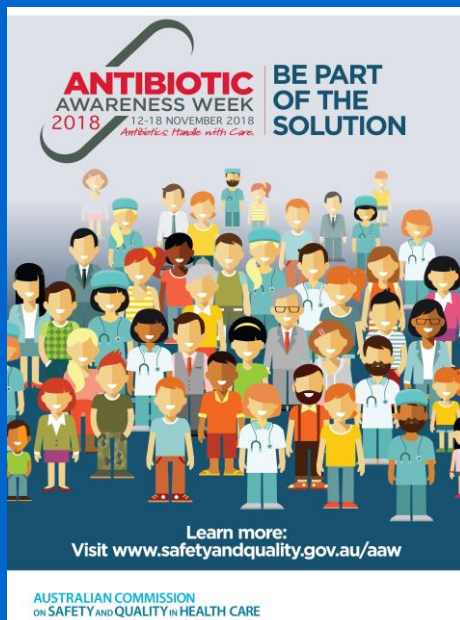
- assess progress on implementation plan at each accreditation assessment;
- rate Action 3.16.1 as satisfactorily met only if a HSO demonstrates progress towards full implementation as set out in their implementation plan for AS/NZS 4187:2014; and

Quick Links

NSQHS Standards (second edition) | Safety and Quality

Advisory A16/03: Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organisations | Safety and Quality

WHO World Antibiotic Awareness Week



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c. ensure the implementation plan is not repeatedly revised to delay project deliverables until the end of the five year period.

AS/NZS 4187:2014 Water Quality Testing

The water quality requirements in AS/NZS 4187:2014 have undergone a review in light of feedback from the industry. A draft amendment was published and opened for public review. This is now in the process of being finalised and the revised requirements are due to be released soon.

Antibiotic Awareness Week

World Antibiotic Awareness Week occurs annually in November. It aims to draw attention to the role of effective use of antibiotics in preventing and containing antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Antibiotic Awareness Week is a key initiative to promote the correct use of antibiotics to contribute to the avoidance of further emergence and spread of AMR. AMR is already affecting the care of healthcare consumers now and current trends indicate this will have an increasing impact over time.

Key Messages for Antibiotic Awareness Week

- Antibiotics are a precious resource that could be lost
- Antibiotic resistance is happening now – it is a worldwide problem that affects human and animal health
- Antibiotic resistance happens when bacteria stops an antibiotic from working effectively – meaning some infections may be impossible to treat
- Few new antibiotics are being developed to help solve this problem
- Misuse of antibiotics contributes to antibiotic resistance
- Whenever antibiotics must be used, they must be used with care.

DOWNLOAD RESOURCES FOR ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK

National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey (NAPS)

Antimicrobial stewardship programs have been developed to reduce inappropriate and unnecessary use of antimicrobials and assist in slowing the progression of antimicrobial resistance. Participation in NAPS assists with local antimicrobial stewardship initiatives, and supports healthcare facilities to demonstrate compliance with NSQHS Standard 3 Healthcare-Associated Infection.

- **SURGICAL:** The surgical NAPS is open for data entry or reporting facilities this year.
- **HOSPITAL:** The official benchmarking period is open for 2018.

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