

IPC Bulletin for Care Home Staff

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To further support Care Home Staff, here is some information on good infection prevention and control (IPC) practice.

Preventing Urinary Tract Infection and Dehydration A suite of resources to support you

We have produced a suite of resources for Care Homes to add to those already available on our website, providing advice and a point of reference to residents, care staff and healthcare professionals on preventing, diagnosing and managing UTI's. Reducing the number of UTI's, and the prompt recognition and appropriate management of UTI's helps to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and inappropriate antimicrobial prescribing.

Guidance on urinary tract infections (UTI) for care home staff

A helpful quick reference guide for both care staff and health professionals caring for residents of a care home in the prevention, recognition, diagnosis and treatment of a UTI.

Preventative measures for care home staff to help reduce UTIs

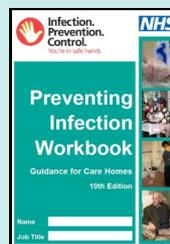
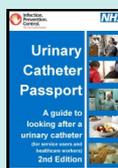
A useful prompt sheet to support care staff take simple measures to help prevent UTI's developing in care home residents. Preventing UTI's helps to reduce antibiotic prescribing and hospital admissions.

The urine colour guide

A resource showing suggested normal urine colours and suggested colours when care home residents need to rehydrate.

Available to download at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk

Did you know.... We are a commissioned NHS IPC service for North Yorkshire, and due to



the skills developed within the Team, we produce our resources generically so they can be used anywhere across the country. Our aim is to reduce healthcare associated infection and hospital admissions. Our **'Preventing Infection Workbook: Guidance for Care Homes'** has been given excellent feedback from the CQC Head Office, they are designed to be used by all members of staff and are recognised as part of mandatory, annual infection control training. The **'IPC CQC Inspection Preparation Pack for Care Homes'** is a comprehensive checklist based on the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice* helping you achieve compliance and provide the evidence required by the CQC. The **'IPC Policy folder for Health and Social Care'**, provides colour prints of 25 Infection Prevention and Control related policies ensuring compliance with the *Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice*. The **'Urinary Catheter Passport'** provides continuity of patient care and advice for care staff and residents. It provides a history of catheter changes and insertion and should be taken to all health related appointments with the resident. It helps to avoid unnecessary catheter changes and poor catheter care. Please visit our website for our full range of resources, many which are available free to download at www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk.