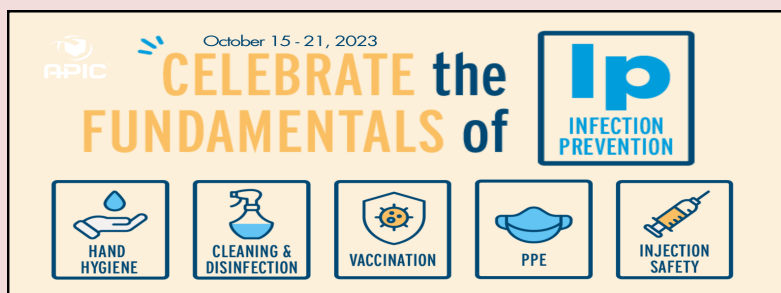


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**Stop and refresh - get back to basics for
International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW), 15th-21st October, 2023**



<https://infectionpreventionandyou.org/iipw/>

The theme for IIPW this year is 'Celebrating the Fundamentals of Infection Prevention' which highlights getting back to the basics of infection prevention for everybody. Over the winter months, the number of cases of COVID-19, influenza (flu) and stomach infections, e.g. Norovirus, increase. It may have been a while since you have encountered these infections in your workplace, so now is the time to

'Stop and refresh and get back to the basics of IPC'.

Hand hygiene

- Staff and service users should follow good hand hygiene practice.
- All staff should be 'Bare below the elbows' when delivering direct care.



⇒ **Don't forget:** Alcohol handrub is not effective at killing viruses that cause diarrhoea and vomiting

Decontamination

- Use disinfectant wipes supplied by your employer or cleaning products provided by the service user.



Vaccination

- Encourage staff and service users to be vaccinated against flu and COVID-19.



Personal protective equipment

- All staff should be trained in the correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - All staff should be aware of the importance of safe removal of PPE.
- ⇒ **Remember:** Gloves can spread diseases so remove them promptly after single use.

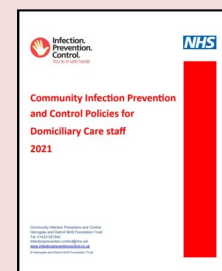


Sharps safety

- If you sustain a sharps injury 'Bleed it, Wash it, Cover it, Report it'.



Look at your IPC policies and ensure they are up-to-date.



IPC events:

- QNI IPC Champions Network event: 26th September, 2.00-4.00pm via Zoom. visit [Joint Infection Prevention and Control & Care Home Nurses Network Meeting Tickets, Tuesday, 26 September 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)
- Infection Prevention and Control training event for Care Homes and Domiciliary Care: 9th October, 2023. **Last few remaining places available at a new reduced price of £85.00 per delegate.** A booking form can be downloaded at: www.infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk/events/

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