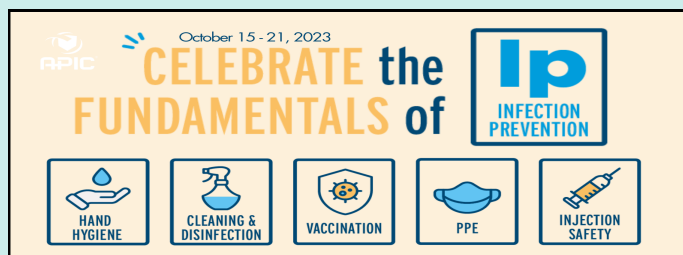


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Stop and refresh - get back to basics for
International Infection Prevention Week (IIPW), 15th-21st October, 2023



<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 residents should follow good hand hygiene practice.



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

Decontamination

Decontaminate care equipment and the environment using appropriate products.



Vaccination

Ensure residents and staff are immunised against flu and COVID-19.



Personal Protective Equipment

Know what PPE to wear and how to remove it safely.



⇒ **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 and Report it'.



Policies - now is the time to 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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