

# IPC Bulletin for GP Practice Staff

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### World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week (WAAW) 18th—24th November, 2023



This global campaign aims to raise awareness and encourage action to tackle the emergence and spread of drug resistant pathogens and the theme is '**Preventing antimicrobial resistance together**'. This highlights the need for General Practice staff to prescribe and use antimicrobials prudently and appropriately in addition to taking preventive measures to decrease the incidence of infections, effectively reducing AMR. Campaign details can be found at: [waaw-2023-campaign-guide.pdf \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/waaw-2023-campaign-guide).

### Preparing for the winter season

Norovirus infections are more frequent during the winter season. Norovirus is highly infectious and is transmitted from person-to-person primarily through the faecal/oral route, or by direct person-to-person spread. Below are links to two 4 minute training videos on:

- Appropriate glove use
- How to take a stool sample

#### Using gloves appropriately in healthcare

The Healthcare Infection Society (HIS) alongside the Infection Prevention Society (IPS) have released a new animation aimed at reinforcing the significance of correct hand hygiene and the appropriate use of gloves.

Further resources on PPE are available to download from our [website](#).

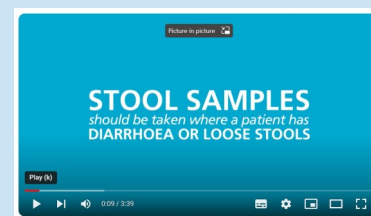
#### How to take a stool sample

This animation provides an overview of how to take a stool/faecal sample for patients who have diarrhoea/loose stools. The animation covers:

- When samples should be taken
- How to collect the sample, including the amount required



<https://vimeo.com/873675593/3cafbedf4a?share=copy>



<https://youtu.be/xTFnvOeTshA>



### Save the date

**IPC training event for General Practice  
15th April, 2024**

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