

Summary of NICE Guidelines

Title	Infection: Prevention and control of healthcare-associated infection in primary and community care
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Summary of Guidance (Max 250 words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals involved in providing care in primary care or the community should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educated about infection prevention and control ○ Trained in hand decontamination, use of personal protective equipment and the safe use and disposal of sharps ▪ Hand decontamination, preferably with a handrub, should occur before and after every episode of direct patient contact and also following glove removal and exposure to body fluids ▪ Personal protective equipment should be appropriate for the task and may include gloves, disposable plastic aprons, long-sleeved fluid repellent gowns, face masks, eye protection and respiratory protective equipment ▪ Healthcare waste must be labelled, stored, transported and disposed of in accordance with current legislation and local policies ▪ Infection prevention and control procedures are particularly important in the following situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Insertion and maintenance of long-term urinary catheters ○ Preparation, storage and administration of enteral feeds ○ Insertion and maintenance of vascular access devices <p>Individuals involved in these situations should be trained in the procedure and appropriate infection prevention measures, including any aseptic techniques required</p>
Impact on Lab (See below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
Lab professionals to be made aware	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Pathologist <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Scientist <input type="checkbox"/> Biomedical Scientist
Please detail the impact of this guideline (Max 150 words)	This guideline has no impact on laboratory staff unless they attend primary or community care locations. In these situations it is important that staff are fully trained in and compliant with infection prevention and control measures.

Impact on Lab

- None:** This NICE guideline has no impact on the provision of laboratory services
- Moderate:** This NICE guideline has information that is of relevance to our pathology service and may require review of our current service provision.
- Important:** This NICE guideline is of direct relevance to our pathology service and will have a direct impact on one or more of the services that we currently offer.