



Conference September 2021

Dinner: Dress to impress! 😊

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From the Editor:

By Anne-Maree Wagg

Welcome to the July edition of The Controlla.

As I sit here trying to write the editorial, I come to the decision that just putting the 'Editor has writers block' probably is unacceptable! So, what to talk about? What is in the July issue? I am sure you can all find that out for yourselves!

The over-worked and underappreciated profession we find ourselves in? I think we have heard enough and mentioning it again will not change the fact! Hopefully, things are now moving in the right direction. What about that in the last year and half that IPC nursing and principles have been highlighted and heroed (sorry been watching Master Chef)? But that reminds us that no one listened to us in the first place, and people without IPC knowledge or practice became "experts" cause it was cool...or something!!! No, too painful, and brings up bad memories. So, the state of our mental health services, we come to Mike King. What a great job he is doing raising the flag for mental health, especially our youth. But then he (or someone like him) said

that "unless its COVID the government can't fix it"!!! Here we are back to the state of our healthcare system!

Conference 2021: Now that is something to look forward to. The conference committee and team are doing great stuff (This is where you all get excited, not just about attending the conference but...yay for you... hosting it in 2023!)

Yes, at Conference we will talk about Covid, share our stories, but we will also be able to hug it out, (yay!) have cups of tea and other beverages and... and... and... a catered morning tea and lunch (let's face it, conferences are won or lost on their food!) and the conference dinner. The conference dinner.....



The conference dinner is a time to 'party' and for a few hours forget the troubles of the world. So **'Dress to impress'**, throw caution to the wind, and let's party! We deserve it. Celebrate that we survived and continue to do such awesomeness 😊!

So, if you're not already registered, **early bird closes 30th July 2021**. Don't miss out. See you there.



IPC 2021
Just Bluffing It

Registrations Open: Early bird registration closes
July 30th

IPCNC CONFERENCE | ASCOT PARK HOTEL, INVERCARGILL, NZ | 15-17 SEPT 2021

Conference Website: <https://www.ipcconferencenz2021.co.nz/>

Programme link: <https://www.ipcconferencenz2021.co.nz/programme/>



Prof Michael Baker

Epidemiologist, University of Otago

Michael Baker is a public health physician and Professor in the Department of Public Health at the University of Otago, Wellington, where he has worked full-time since 2003.

He has a wide range of public health research interests, with a focus on infectious diseases, environmental health, and improving housing conditions.

His work during 2020-21 has been dominated by assisting with the Covid-19 pandemic response. Michael is a member of the Ministry of Health's Covid-19 Technical Advisory Group and has been the leading architect and advocate for the Covid-19 elimination strategy.

His work on public health, and the Covid-19 response in particular, was recognised by a number of awards including: the Critic and Conscience of Society Award (from Universities New Zealand), being made a Member of the NZ Order of Merit (MNZM), his selection as the 2020 Wellingtonian of the Year, and the Prime Minister's Science Communication Prize in 2021.

Ruth Barratt

Infection Prevention and Control Consultant,

Ruth Barratt is a registered nurse, infection preventionist, quality advisor and qualitative researcher. She is credentialed at Expert level with the Australian College of Infection Prevention and Control, holds a Masters in Infection Prevention and Control and has over 23 years of experience in the field across the private and public sectors. Ruth represents the IPCNC on the New Zealand National Infection Control Expert Group. She is part-way through a PhD candidature with a research focus on protective mask behaviours among clinicians.





Prof Stephanie Dancer

NHS Lanarkshire and Professor of Microbiology at Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland

Stephanie is a medical microbiologist in NHS Lanarkshire and Professor of Microbiology at Edinburgh Napier University in Scotland. She edited the Journal of Hospital Infection for over 20 years, five of them as editor-in-chief, and now edits for Infection, Disease & Health and International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents. She trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London followed by postgraduate studies at Guy's Hospital, where she gained a thesis on the epidemiology and biochemistry of toxin-producing staphylococci. She has worked and travelled all over the world, including the Canadian High Arctic, where

she resuscitated 30,000-year-old organisms from glacial ice. She

spent six years as Infection Control Officer for Argyll before moving to Health Protection Scotland as their inaugural microbiologist (2002-5). There, she set up MRSA surveillance for Scotland, evaluated real-time PCR for MRSA screening and helped establish the Scottish Microbiology Forum. She has been a member of national working groups on antibiotic prescribing, MRSA and hospital cleaning, and is a current or recent member of NHS Scotland Decontamination; UK NICE (infection control & antimicrobial prescribing); UK HTA (screening and diagnostics); ESCMID groups on infection control, MRSA & multi-resistant Gram-negative bacilli; and 2013 ECCMID conference committee. She is currently advising DEFRA on surface cleaning and hygiene during the Covid-19 crisis and collaborating with an international group of virologists, physicists, ventilation engineers and aerosol scientists on airborne spread of SARS-CoV-2. She has published books, book chapters and around 180 papers in peer-reviewed journals on hospital cleaning, antimicrobial management, infection control and MRSA. At present, she balances editorial duties with research and teaching, specifically antimicrobial stewardship and environmental control of hospital pathogens.



Dr Arthur Morris

Auckland City Hospital

Dr Arthur Morris is a clinical microbiologist at Auckland City Hospital.

Dr completed his science and medical degrees at the University of Otago and gained his fellowship from the Royal Australian College of Pathologists in 1989.

He has a long standing interest in healthcare associated and their prevention and has been involved with infections several Ministry of Health advisory and writing groups.

He has been clinical lead for the Commission's Surgical Site Infection Improvement Programme since 2013.



Dr Ashley Bloomfield -

Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health



Nigel Latta



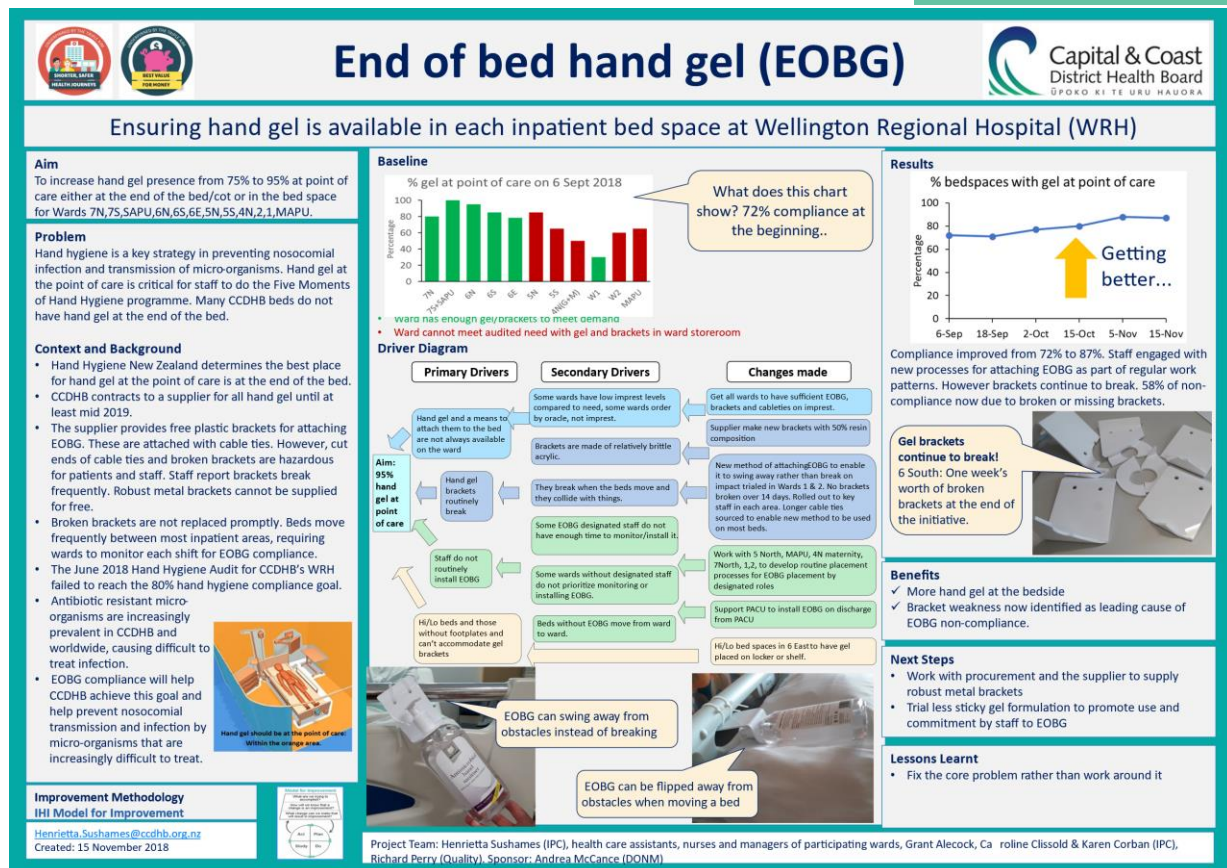
Poster submissions have been extended

For further information please contact joanne@conferenceteam.co.nz

[Click here](#) for abstract guidelines

[Click here](#) for submission guidelines

Below is an example of a poster presentation by Henrietta Sushames at the 2019 conference:



Announcement of AGM

The IPCNC Conference and AGM will be on:

Date: 15-17 September 2021

Time: 15 Sept, 0830hrs to 17 Sept 1640hrs

Venue: Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill

1. Call for Committee and Chair Nominations – Due: 20 August 2021

IPCNC have one Committee and Chair vacancies and are accepting nominations to fill these roles. For more information on the committee role click [here](#). The [Nomination Form](#) is available in the link.

To accept the nomination, the person electing, and the nominee must be members of IPCNC, and the nominee will be required to provide an autobiography of approx. 150 words when their form is submitted.

Please send completed Nomination Forms to the Returning Officer, Sally Chapman, sally.chapman@nzno.org.nz. by Thursday, 20 August 2021. Nominations after this date will not be accepted.

If more than one nomination is received for the position, the IPCNC committee will advise of an election to take place before the AGM, through Survey Monkey.

2. Call for Remits - Due: 20 August 2021

Remits should be presented using the below template/s provided:

[Policy Remit Template](#) or [Rules Remit Template](#)

3. Other topics for discussion at AGM - Due: 20 August 2021

If you are proposing an agenda item for discussion at AGM, please mark it clearly that it is an agenda item, and provide all:

- supporting material,
- background reading for the subject, and
- what specifically is to be discussed.

Send topics for discussion to:

Sally Chapman,
National Administrator,
PO Box 2128,
Wellington 6140, or
E-mail: sally.chapman@nzno.org.nz

4. Call for notification of resignations

Any resignations from the NNCA Committee must be notified one week before the AGM to The Secretary, Henrietta Sushames, ipcncsecretary@outlook.com **Note: resignation from a NZNO College or Section does not constitute resignation from NZNO. To do this, please contact the NZNO Membership Support Centre on 0800 28 38 48.**

?? 2023 IPCNC CONFERENCE



History:

2021 - Invercargill
2019 - Christchurch
2018 - Lower Hutt
2017 - Auckland
2015 - Napier



Who's keen?

The Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College Conference 2023 (IPCNC) is available for IPCNC Regions to register their interest in the hosting of our biennial conference. This is typically a three-day conference, with a welcome function on day one and a conference dinner on day two and usually held in September.

Typically, there is over 200 full registrations including stand attendees and more than 25 attending one day. This includes a strong Exhibition and Sponsorship component including approx. 33 exhibition stands (with catering in the exhibition area) and 3 concurrent sessions. It is important the successful venue can host the catering/exhibition in the one area.

Introducing the Conference Team:



The Organising Committee make the decisions and The Conference Team makes it happen!

The Conference Team organised the 2019 and 2021 IPCNC conferences and are willing to continue in this role. Whilst based in Christchurch, The Conference Team works throughout NZ. To have the history of the IPCNC conferences, relationships with sponsors/exhibitors is huge.

**If you are interested, or require any further information please contact Jo Stodart
jo.stodart@xtra.co.nz or phone 0274434631**

From the Chairperson:

Hi all,

Well, there always seems to be more infection control issues around. In Wellington hospital we have survived both the COVID positive tourist, and we will survive the RSV surge, and those sailors! As always, I am grateful for the team I work with and the community of IPC nurses around the country who support each other.



We have recently had an excellent Committee meeting in Nelson, and we are welcoming on to the committee Sue White who will be the new Treasurer.

On our job list whiteboard over the last days, we are still progressing our big-ticket items- that of the new website and the reapplication to ACC for more funding for the continuation for our successful orientation programme. We are grateful to our sponsor (ACC) and to mentors on the programme (Ruth Barrett, Barb. Gibson and Poobie Pillay). We are also funding some members to Conference in Invercargill.

We have been looking through our core documents (OMG!), our rules (OMGx2). Our suggested changes will be presented at AGM- but we have been considering what should constitute being a member of the College, especially given those that have joined may not meet our own definition anymore. AGM is also a chance to show our appreciation to all of our IPCNC volunteers and hear more about our programmes and the new website.

The Conference is looking interesting- thanks to Sue Dillon and the team down South for organising. We have also enjoyed the services of the same conference company who have hosted the Canterbury and now the Invercargill conference. We are really keen to hear from your region if you would like to host a conference in 2023. There is a 'what to do' conference pack and you will have an option to use the same conference organiser to help smooth the way.

IPC Opportunities:

This job opportunity has come up at the health quality and safety commission for a permanent IPC Specialist role at the Commission. Job advert:

<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/about-us/vacancies/>

Also, the Northern Managed Isolation facilities are happy to second an experienced IPC nurse for 2 to 3 months. The successful applicant would experience the front line of our COVID strategy, working in and supporting the Managed Isolation Facilities of Auckland. There would be collegial support around this role and a package worked out between employers. Both accommodation and weekly transport would be paid. Talk to pauline.sanders@nmf.nz or hilary.cater@nmf.nz to find out more.

Lastly, I have decided to resign from the IPCNC committee. I have found my time as chairperson to be the most challenging and rewarding career opportunity I have ever had. But

it is certainly time for me to concentrate on other aspects of my life. So, at AGM we will be filling committee and chair roles.

Take care all. Keep up the amazing work,

Kind Regards,

Carolyn

Website Report:



Progress is being made 😊. Plans are to have it up and running next month... but as we know the “IT trickery” oops coding takes time! We very much appreciate all the time and effort that is going in to make this right. 😊



Treasurer Report:

The IPCNC continues with a healthy bank balance of \$180,000-00.



From this we are subsidising the orientation programme for our members, providing the T&E Scholarships, and developing a new website to name a few of the larger financial commitments.

The NZNO will provide core funding of \$4,701-84 for the running of the national committee for the 2021/2022 financial year of which the IPCNC will need to subsidise.

I am in the process of putting together the budget for the September AGM and would value any input from our members if you have any thoughts on how the college money should be spent to support our members. I am in the process of handing over the Treasurer role to Sue White who will be taking over from the AGM.

Jo Stodart

IPCNC Treasurer

Jo.stodart@xtra.co.nz



Membership Report:

Kia ora / hello team!

As some of you may be aware we have recently lost our long serving college website (don't worry the new one is coming!). Unfortunately we have had some associated teething issues with joining up new members. Luckily with some serious back and forward, we have managed to get a somewhat smooth system underway.

If you have any colleagues/friends wishing to sign up to the college please ask them first to email Sally Chapman, our administrator at NZNO. Sally has kindly been managing the sign up forms and assisting our wonderful new members through the paperwork side of things! Sally can be reached at Sally.Chapman@nzno.org.nz. I am very much still here for your membership and regional queries so please keep the emails coming if you need anything!

In the absence of our forum it is also a good time to join our [Facebook](#) group. Simply search Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College NZNO and request to join. We would love to have you with us! It is a good spot to ask questions you would usually ask on the forum, just in the meantime.

On to membership numbers!

Region	NZNO members	Associate	Total
Auckland	173	10	183
Midlands	125	5	130
Central	61	-	61
Greater Wellington	76	2	78
Canterbury	148	3	151
Southern	91	3	94
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Welcome to our new members! We have had a surge of new college members lately and it is great to see.

Don't forget we are looking for regional co-ordinators all over the country including 2IC positions. This is a great opportunity to take the lead on IPC study days in your region and be a point of contact for members in your area. Please get in touch with me at Aleisha.Taylor@schl.co.nz. We are looking for an immediate replacement in the greater Auckland region

See you all at conference!

Nga mihi, **Aleisha**



The IPCNC Committee:



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Nominations close 20th August 2021

JOINING THE INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL NURSES COLLEGE (IPCNC- NZNO) COMMITTEE

WHAT IS THE IPCNC COMMITTEE?

The IPCNC committee is a team of 7 IPC nurse volunteers who provide governance to the IPCNC- NZNO. The IPCNC is one of the NZNO professional colleges. We are supported by a Professional Nursing Advisor from NZNO and receive other financial and legal support from NZNO.

Why join the IPCNC committee?

This opportunity will engage you with other IPC nurses, national IPC policy makers, and give you committee and governance experience. Usually there are three 1–2-day meetings per year. Sometimes these are in a retreat setting, so that new committee members can get to know each other and concentrate on their IPCNC role.

You will hold a national committee role- either as Secretary, Web administrator, Membership coordinator, Publications Officer, or Chairperson. Role descriptions and orientation will be provided.

Who can be an IPCNC Committee member?

Any full member of IPCNC (a qualified nurse employed in an Infection Prevention & Control role, who is a financial member of NZNO) can apply to be on the IPCNC committee. You will need to have at least 2 years previous work experience in the field of infection prevention and control.

What commitment is required from me?

The term of office is 2 years with right of re-election for a further 2 years.

There are three 1–2-day meetings per year, the Annual General Meeting, and some teleconferences. Travel and accommodation to meetings is covered by the College. Admission to the Bi-annual Conference, is also covered by the College.

NZNO informs your Employer of your appointment, to support your work on the College committee.

The Committee workload is variable, however allow 1 hour per week. You will need to have access to a computer and have some computer skills in all roles.

Interested? Send in your application now. You need not wait till the AGM.

Contact the Chair carolyn.clissold@ccdhub.org.nz or Secretary ipcsecretary@outlook.com if you have any questions.





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Introducing

Our New Committee Member:



Sue White: 'Treasurer in waiting'



Well, I am an old trout and have been nursing since I was 18 years old!

Started at a little hospital in Te Kuiti, a 50-bed hospital which did everything, even burr holes! I was a community nurse, also worked in the ward and operating theatre. I remember an accident where we picked out the brain fragments, then placed a made-up plate to cover the brain. The necklace beads had been imbedded under the skin.

The call for something new drew me to join the army. Arrived by train at Waiouru Army camp. A new world of green! In the six-week basic we marched, jumped over obstacles and camped out, just to do some nursing! You got CB (Confined to Barracks: i.e. picking up rubbish, being a runner for camp security etc.) if your room was untidy, your uniform dirty or not ironed - maybe what some people need today!

Finally got to go to the hospital and was welcomed by nursing officers and medics. Small hospital which looked after sick soldiers with all sorts of things. We looked after sailors with diseases they caught having 'free time'. We did medical boards for soldiers going overseas: we gave them vaccinations for everything and assessed their fitness. We had several outbreaks of hepatitis A, measles, and influenza. Isolation and cohorting twenty men in barracks: easy! I went in the ambulance to cover live tank firing, big guns and exercises with Americans and Singaporeans. I stitched up drunken men after fisticuffs (even stitched a tongue).

After two years I did my general nursing training in Auckland. Three years of an amazing learning curve. Even looked after the last woman in an iron lung! Went to Waikato hospital after that; oh, forgot, got married as well. Who you ask? Yes, it was a soldier, he was posted to Ngaruawahia (hence me going to Waikato). I worked in the operating theatre there and commuted on my trusty motorcycle. "Gosh" you say, "even in the cold foggy days?" Yes, coming to work in my wet weather gear I got called The Golden Peril!

On again, following the man to Burnham Army camp. I had two children and worked at St Georges and Southern Cross hospitals as well: multitasking! Then to Linton Army camp. Normally the soldier goes first, and family follows later. "What job do you want?" "Anything" I said. "Well, there's a job in Recovery at a private hospital." "I can do that - put my name down."

In Palmy I was interviewed - by a nun! Of course, Mercy Hospital was run by nuns and Sister Lucia looked very staunch in a white uniform. I must have done something right, cause I got the job. Just two of us in Recovery and me in a striped uniform; a bit different! Sister Lucia then asked if I would like to do infection control. What's that? A requirement for every hospital. Yes, with my can-do attitude again there's nothing I couldn't do!

It was a steep learning curve, thank God for Berry Bird. She filled in all the blanks and guided me through from scratch. Everything, all the policies and procedures, education and equipment, wow! Step by step we got there, even passed the audits! 27 years later I was still 'chasing bugs'. Got dragged into doing two conferences with Berry at the helm: lots of fun and experience.

In my twilight now, it was time to give back and so I joined the IPCNC committee. They suggested I take on the Treasurer's job! Can-do attitude to the fore. The joke might be on them, as not much bug chasing unless they give me the cash!

Sue White



The Regions

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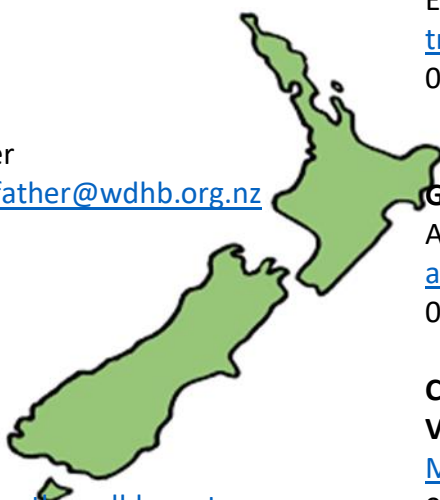
022 108 5682

Canterbury Region

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It is YOUR time to shine 😊



Regional news:

Greater Auckland Region: Is looking for a new Regional Coordinator.

Waikato DHB: had their annual IPC study whilst dealing with a cyber-attack!

Hutt Valley DHB celebrated hand hygiene day with a stand in our cafeteria (see opposite) where we gave out treats to both staff and visitors. We also walked around clinical areas over the course of the day handing out prizes when we witnessed good hand hygiene practices.

We have two study days coming up, a DHB Nurses IPC day on the 23rd of August and a community IPC day on 18th November. The community IPC study day is open to any staff with an IPC interest or role working in ARC, clinics, or any other community setting. Bookings can be made by emailing infection_control@huttvalleydhb.org.nz



Hand hygiene day: 5th May

Was celebrated throughout the regions to see how and with pictures go to:

IPCNC Facebook page: **Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College NZNO**

CENTRAL REGION: An IPC study day is planned at Whanganui hospital 29 September 2021. This is for all community staff with an IPC interest.

CANTERBURY REGION: Mike O'Callaghan is looking to stand down.

HISTORIC COURNER

By Francie Morgan

The Carpet Conundrum:

How many of us have had the opportunity (or misfortune some might be heard to groan!) to be part of decision making and influencing for facility design and interior finishes? The participation by infection prevention and control professionals is critical to ensure that environmental hygiene principles are upheld. It is concerning that many IPC professionals struggle to have this included in their role. Often the organisational understanding of the role of IPC in these projects is lacking, and IPC gets involved only once things have gone wrong, and then IPC is expected to perform a 'miracle' to meet IPC principles. This may place IPC in "the fighting corner", which is disheartening. We hope the tide is turning now and anecdotally, COVID has shone the spotlight on IPC and what value we bring to the design table.



Flooring choices in healthcare environments should be a 'no brainer', where common sense prevails. But common sense varies; some people have very little and others way too much!

Is it not the holy grail of IPC to reject carpet flooring and champion trustworthy, resilient, and easy clean vinyl flooring?



Carpet can seem 'posh'. In the home rugs and wall-to-wall is strongly associated with comfort, Its history is pre-biblical, and folklore references the luxury of carpet, such as in the rich trade between nations, inclusion in dowries, and in some cases, magical qualities (think *Aladdin*)!



In healthcare environments, particularly hospitals, floor traffic is heavy and complex, involving beds, equipment, laundry waste and linen. Floor covering must be durable. Vinyl meets this challenge and of course, it is so much easier, though not necessarily cheaper, to keep it clean.

Vinyl appears to outwit carpet on many bases, but what evidence is there that vinyl in healthcare is better than carpet?

One early study by Anderson, Mackel, Stoler and Millison (1982) in the Journal of Clinical Microbiology, investigated microbiology associated with carpets in hospitals. Over 11 months or so children were inpatients in rooms with and without carpet. Patients, carpet, and floor samples were examined, and the diseases in patients correlated to microorganisms cultured from flooring. There were more specific microbial organisms recovered from carpet samples than from bare floor samples. Patients had more positive microorganism cultures if they had been cared for in a carpeted room. However, active microbiology disease in patients was neither associated with organisms contaminating the carpet nor the bare floor. This study concluded that there was no association between contamination of the carpet and healthcare associated infection.

Harris (2015) examined the influence of three hospital flooring types on environmental stressors. Noise is a major environmental stressor in a hospital environment. Harris examined three flooring materials, terrazzo, rubber, and carpet tile in patient corridors comparing sound absorption, comfort, light reflectance, employee perceptions and preferences, and patient satisfaction. Carpet tile performed better for sound attenuation by absorption, reducing noise by 3.14 dB. Healthcare staff and patients preferred quieter flooring. This comprehensive study concluded that flooring, which is comfortable underfoot, easy to clean, and absorbs sound improves healthcare worker job satisfaction and patient satisfaction.

Last, but by no means least, consider the technological improvements of carpet products. Carpet tiles are durable, easy to clean, and a single tile can be replaced.

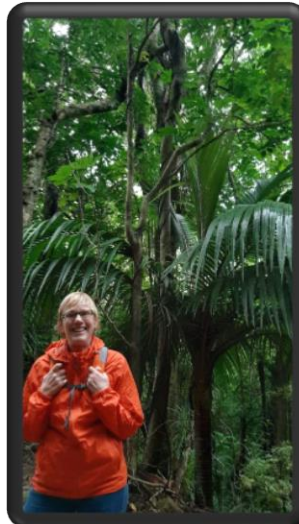
As IPC becomes more proactive, healthcare design will consider the IPC principles of environmental hygiene more effectively. Of course, there will always be challenging environments where the floor is included in the point of patient care, and in these situations the 'no carpet' rule may become non-negotiable. The IPC position on carpet does have a few 'loops in its pile'!





Hugs, Cuppas, and other Beverages:

*How our committee members relax...
the great outdoors, fur babies and
music ☺*



Congratulations!



Dr. Wendy Blair:

Wendy is our IPCNC Professional nurse adviser and has successfully completed her studies and now is a 'Doctor of Philosophy'.

Congratulations to our successful Travel and Education fund Applicants:

- 👍 **Kirsty Black**
- 👍 **Danielle Pope**
- 👍 **Julianne Munro**
- 👍 **Louise Beazley**
- 👍 **Sandra Clark**
- 👍 **Jill Hansen**

We look forward to hearing about what you have all learnt.



Infection Prevention & Control Nurses College, NZNO

Infection Prevention and Control Orientation Programme



- ✓ Mandy Collins
- ✓ Cat Coogan
- ✓ Louise Beazley
- ✓ Esther Park
- ✓ Nina Gallego
- ✓ Somina Devi

Have successfully completed the Pilot course.

Infection Prevention and Control Orientation Course



This course introduces new and existing infection prevention and control practitioners to the key concepts of infection prevention and control (IPC) which underpin IPC practice in all healthcare settings.

The practitioner will complete 9-10 learning modules via self-directed distance learning, supported by an experienced infection prevention and control mentor. Learning will be enhanced via regular Zoom meetings with your mentor and other course participants.

This course is suitable for a healthcare worker who has a role or an interest in IPC and can commit to around 60 hours of study over 4 months. A certificate will be awarded to participants on completion of the course.

Participants can claim up to 60 hours professional development hours.

- Standard and Transmission-based Precautions,
- Hand hygiene,
- Microbiology, Surveillance,
- Outbreak Management,
- Communicable Diseases,
- Occupational Health,
- Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization, and
- Construction and Renovation.



Te Kaporeihana Āwhina Hunga Whara

Cost

The programme is currently supported by ACC and is free for NZNO IPCNC members. Non-IPCNC members will be required to pay a levy of \$120.

Contact the course administrator - Ruth Barratt - rannalong@gmail.com for an application form.



Infection Prevention and Control Orientation Course

Expression of interest for mentoring

- ✓ Are you interested in supporting and mentoring new and unsupported IPC practitioners?
- ✓ Are you a skilled IPC practitioner with a broad range of experience and knowledge?
- ✓ Are you able to apply IPC principles across a variety of acute, community and private healthcare settings?
- ✓ Do you enjoy facilitating adult learning?

The IPCNC is currently seeking members with the above credentials to mentor learners who enrol with the IPCNC IPC orientation course. As a mentor you will support 6 learners over 4 months as they work through the 10 self-learning modules. There is a fixed remuneration for this work, payable at the end of the four months.

What will the mentor role involve?

- ✓ Liaising with the course administrator and contacting the six individuals for the course intake that you will mentor
- ✓ Arranging an initial and subsequent monthly Zoom meetings with the cohort to discuss topics
- ✓ Working with individuals to apply the learnings to their own workplace
- ✓ Assessing the returned module workbooks from the individual learners

To submit an expression of interest, send a brief CV and contact details to the IPCNC secretary
ipcsecretary@outlook.com





Travel and Education Scholarship Report – Michelle Keat



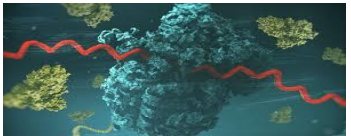

In June 2020, after a frenetic pandemic related start to the year, I focussed on my own professional development with another paper towards my postgraduate diploma. With insufficient funding available through my employer, I applied for partial funding through the IPCNC travel and education scholarship.

I completed Principles of Medication Management from the University of Auckland in Semester 2, 2020. It focussed on basic pharmacology and principles of medication management for registered nurses. Through the lectures, assignments (including two patient case studies) I learned a lot about medications and their management. This paper built on knowledge from my previous paper Biological Science for Practice, and I enjoyed the opportunity to refresh my clinical knowledge after many years working in Infection Prevention and Control. I use this when assessing patients in my role as an Infection Prevention and Control Nurse Specialist.

I plan to complete my postgraduate diploma next year by taking the Research Methods in Nursing and Health paper, and later to do my master's degree. I am interested in antimicrobial stewardship and would like to research the role of the Infection Prevention and Control Nurse Specialist in antimicrobial stewardship in New Zealand. Many thanks to the IPC Nurses College for the Travel and Education Scholarship to support my postgraduate study.



Pandemonium: By David Smith

<p>Infection control has many strands - nature and behaviour of the pathogen, transmission, and a multitude of host factors. Ask the right questions to get to the root cause.</p> <p>Virulence? transmission? or host?</p>	<p>2021 NZSSD Type 2 Diabetes Management Guidelines is at https://www.researchreview.co.nz/nz/clinical-area/general-medicine/general-practice/special-report-nzssd-type-2-diabetes-management-g.aspx?</p>	<p>Testing for diabetes is easy to do at point of care. Don't miss it.</p> 
<p>To replace country names, there are now Greek names for Covid variants. The first four are: UK, SA, Brazil, India = alpha, beta, gamma, delta. Australia has a kappa variant too.</p>	<p>https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01483-0?utm_source= A α, B β, Γ γ, Δ δ, E ε, Z ζ, H η, Θ θ, I ι, K κ, Λ λ, Μ μ, Ν ν, Ξ ξ, Ο ο, Π π, Ρ ρ, Σ σ/ς, Τ τ, Υ υ, Φ φ</p>	<p>Know your Greek alphabet. Alpha, beta, gamma, delta, epsilon, eta, zeta, theta, iota, kappa, lambda, mu, nu, xi, omicron, pi, rho, sigma, tau, upsilon, phi, chi, psi, omega.</p>
<p>Neurological and Psychiatric Symptoms Common in COVID-19 Survivors https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpsy/article/PIIS2215-0366(21)00084-5/fulltext</p>		<p>People who travel abroad can unknowingly spread antibiotic resistance. Read more: https://www.newscientist.com/article/2279904-people-who-travel-abroad-can-unknowingly-spread-antibiotic-resistance/#ixzz6xGfNsKKF</p>
<p>Don Brown's kid-friendly graphic novel on the history of vaccines and germ theory explains how we got here and how vaccine technologies work. Do your kids know more than YOU ???</p>	<p>A SHOT IN THE ARM! By Don Brown 144 pp. Amulet. \$13.99. (Ages 8 to 12)</p>	<p>https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/books/review/don-brown-a-shot-in-the-arm.html?</p>
<p>When our lives start to get busy, we can slowly find ourselves falling into familiar bad habits. We might eat out a little more, skip a workout, or even get less sleep. Don't let life get in the way of your goals,</p>	<p>https://www.jennycraig.co.nz/blog/life-style-and-wellness/hints-and-tips/4-things-busy-people-do-to-stay-healthy/?utm</p>	<p>Here are 4 ways to stay healthy no matter what life throws at you. Click the link. 1. Make a plan 2. Activate your time 3. Be flexible 4. Make small but better choices.</p>
<p>Pfizer and Moderna Covid vaccines for those as young as 6 months may be ready this fall in the U.S. https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/08/health/us-vaccines-children-fall.html?</p>	<p>Spare vaccines?. Single-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine can be stored at normal refrigeration temperatures for three months, conditions that have allowed states to reach more isolated communities. https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/08/us/politics/johnson-covid-vaccine-expire.html?</p>	<p>Sinovac says China has approved its vaccine for use in children as young as 3. https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/06/08/world/covid-vaccine-coronavirus-mask/sinovac-says-china-has-approved-its-vaccine-for-use-in-children-as-young-as-3</p>
<p>Coronavirus vaccine technology is paving the way for a whole new approach to flu shots. The technology used in the development of two of the coronavirus vaccines may one day foster flu vaccines that could be developed in record time with greater effectiveness and resilience. Click the link for story and 6m17s YouTube clip.</p>	<p>https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/04/11/mrna-flu-shots/?utm_campaign= https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/infection-control-and-hospital-epidemiology/article/severe-acute-respiratory-syndrome-coronavirus-2-sarscov2-infection-in-vaccinated-and-unvaccinated-healthcare-personnel-in-a-veterans-affairs-healthcare-system/</p>	
<p>THANK YOU NURSES</p> 		<p>Covid Breakthrough infections Vaccines substantially reduce but do not eliminate the risk for symptomatic and asymptomatic Covid infections in healthcare personnel.</p>

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Journal of Infection Prevention:



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'Culture of fear' in NZ health system

BY KAI TIAKI EDITORS

June 1, 2021

Two-thirds of nurses surveyed have witnessed unsafe nursing practice by their peers, new research suggests – double the rate of some international findings.

- ✓ Featuring our very own Dr Wendy Blair:
- ✓ <https://kaitiaki.org.nz/article/culture-of-fear-in-nz-health-system/>



- ✓ <https://kaitiaki.org.nz/article/ipc-nurses-stretched-50-ways/>
- ✓ <https://kaitiaki.org.nz/article/no-longer-tedious-hand-washers/>

Events of interest:

_NZ Sepsis Conference 2021: Challenges for New Zealand
Lakeside Novotel Hotel, Rotorua, New Zealand

November 18-20 2021

www.sepsis.org.nz/conference/



Teens Are Using Soft Drinks to Fake Positive COVID-19 Tests


COVID-19 Case Counts Surge in 46 States

July 15, 2021: [Frank Diamond](#)

https://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/view/covid-19-case-counts-surge-in-46-states?fbclid=IwAR0o70LHSOqkBm-8kaZW605CiLB-LTmcBzXwQB0t-dXwPqr_AiukTCW6dY4

Webber Training Tele classes

<https://webbertraining.com/>

August 12, 2021	<u>HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE AIDES: PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING INFECTIONS WHEN PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE IN THE HOME</u> Speaker: Mary McGoldrick , Home Health Systems, Inc.
August 18, 2021	<i>(South Pacific Teleclass)</i> <u>NORMOTHERMIA - THE WHY, HOW AND WHEN QUESTIONS IMPACTING POST-OP INFECTIONS</u> Speaker: Justine Wheatley , Southern Cross Hospitals, Australia
August 26, 2021	<i>(FREE Teleclass)</i> <u>BACTERIOPHAGE USE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS</u> Speaker: Dr. Lynne Schulster
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September 16, 2021	<i>(FREE South Pacific Teleclass - Broadcast live from the New Zealand Infection Prevention and Control Nurses College conference)</i> <u>UNDERSTANDING THE SCIENCE BEHIND AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND'S COVID-19 RESPONSE</u> Speaker: Prof. Michael Baker , University of Otago, New Zealand Live broadcast sponsored by Schulke 

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TWINDEMICS OF COVID & INFLUENZA IN

HINDSIGHT

September 23, 2021

Speaker: **Prof. Robert T. Ball**, Medical University of South Carolina

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(FREE European Teleclass - Broadcast live from the Infection Prevention Society conference)

September 27, 2021

Cottrell Lecture ...

Speaker: **Prof. Heather Loveday**, Richard Wells Research Centre, University of West London

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(FREE European Teleclass - Broadcast live from the Infection Prevention Society conference)

September 29, 2021

Ayliffe Lecture ... PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Speaker: **Peter Hoffman**, Public Health England

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COMMON FEATURES OF WATERBORNE PATHOGENS IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES: WHY ARE THEY SO CHALLENGING?

October 14, 2021

Speaker: **Prof. Joseph O. Falkinham, III**, Department of Biological Sciences, Virginia Tech

<https://webbertraining.com/>

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Vacant**

Situations Vacant:

IPC Opportunities:

- This job opportunity has come up at the health quality and safety commission for a permanent IPC Specialist role at the Commission. Job advert:

<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/about-us/vacancies/>

Specialist, infection prevention & control (closes at 5pm Thursday, 22 July 2021)

- Also, the **Northern Managed Isolation facilities are happy to second an experienced IPC nurse for 2 to 3 months.** The successful applicant would experience the front line of our COVID strategy, working in and supporting the Managed Isolation Facilities of Auckland. There would be collegial support around this role and a package worked out between employers. Both accommodation and weekly transport would be paid. Talk to pauline.sanders@nmf.nz or hilary.cater@nmf.nz to find out more.

IPCNC Committee:

👍 **NZNO IPCNC Committee Chair:**

👍 **NZNO IPCNC Committee Members:**

Closes 20th August 2021 (see above advertisement and contact

ipcsecretary@outlook.com)

Regional Co-ordinators and Second in Charge Positions: See info above and contact: Aleisha.Taylor@schl.co.nz

Online registration

Registrations Open: Early bird registration
closes July 30th



Announcement of AGM

The IPCNC Conference and AGM will be on:

Date: 15-17 September 2021

Time: 15 Sept, 0830hrs to 17 Sept 1640hrs

Venue: Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill

1. Call for Committee and Chair Nominations

2. Call for Remits

3. Other topics for discussion at AGM

4. Call for notification of resignations

Due: 20th August 2021