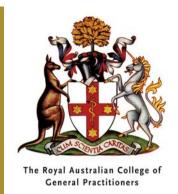


# RACGP Infection Control Standards for Office-based Practices (4<sup>th</sup> Edition)

Presented on behalf of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners



# Why Have Changes Been Made?

- 6 years since last edition
- Emerging threats
- Advances in infection control
- Changes in general practice organisation



# What Changes Are There?

- Change of title
- Change of emphasis
- Language used
- Review process
- Changes to the layout
- Addition of a CD containing templates and other useful material
- New Chapters
- New Approaches



# Change of Title

#### From

• Sterilisation/disinfection guidelines for general practice

#### To

 RACGP infection control standards for officebased practices



# Change of Emphasis

- Staff education
- Risk assessment
- Alternative strategies



# Language Used

- Standards and safer patient care
- Aligned with RACGP Standards for general practices (3rd Edition)
- More precise: must, needs to, should,
   can and may are clearly defined.



# **Review Process**

- Experts
- •RACGP National Expert Committee for
  - Standards in General Practice
- RACGP Council
- •A medical editor



## **5** Sections

#### **Section 1**

Covers Infection Control Principles

#### **Section 2**

Covers Protecting the health of staff

#### **Section 3**

Covers managing the practice physical environment



#### **Section 4**

 Covers procedures for processing reusable equipment

#### **Section 5**

•Covers disease surveillance in general practice



Appendices and templates, tables and illustrations

Table of Contents, Glossary and Index



CD containing templates and other useful information

Staff immunisation

Validation templates



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Appendix 5:

#### STAFF IMMUNISATION RECORD

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Hepatitis B		date				date
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Influenza		N/A				N/A
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# **New Chapters**

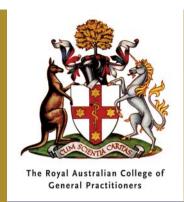
- 1. Risk assessment and management
- 2. Staff education and occupational health and safety requirements
- 3. Description of the use of personal protective equipment
- 4. Managing the health of health professionals
- 5. Disease surveillance in office based practices



# **New Approaches**

Departures from DoHA Infection Control
Guidelines and the Australian Standards
AS/NZS 4815:2006

- Steam penetration tests
- Processing of semi critical items
- Recording of the results of the sterilisation cycles
- Linen Management
- Waste Management
- Spacer Management



## What Do Practices Need to Do?

#### Written policies on:

- Sharps injury management policy (Section 2, chapter 4 and Appendix 6)
- Blood and body fluid spills management (Section 3, chapter 4)
- Hand hygiene (Section 1, chapter 3)
- A regular cleaning schedule (Section 3, chapter 2-3)



## What Do Practices Need to Do?

- The provision of sterile instruments (Section 4)
- Procedures for all aspects of the sterilisation process (Section 4)
- Procedures for waste management (Section 2, chapter 3 and Section 3, chapter 6)



## What Do Practices Need to Do?

- The appropriate use of standard and additional precautions (Section 1, chapter 4-6)
- Prevention of disease in the workplace by serology and immunisation (Section 2, chapter 1)