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PROJECT SHOWCASE

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

WINNER



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IMPERIAL COLLEGE HEALTHCARE TRUST HAND HYGIENE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Hand Hygiene is one of Imperial College's trust-wide patient safety streams. Diagnostic work and audits by the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team revealed that hand hygiene opportunities were missed regularly on the wards and some wards had scored well below the 55% national average. An IPC driven Hand Hygiene Improvement Programme (HIPP) was set up as a collaborative, stakeholder-led, quality improvement initiative across the five hospitals. The HHIP brings together staff, patients, improvement leads and infection control experts on selected 'focus wards'. The aim is to raise hand hygiene awareness and practice among staff and patients, to significantly improve hand hygiene compliance scores (to over 60% in IPC audits), and to sustain these improvements in all future audits.

JUDGES COMMENTS

The judges felt that this winning initiative is a very impactful project that is targeting simple steps to address HAI and the spread of infections. The real value of this entry is the successful approach this team initiated which raised hand hygiene to the top of the organisational patient safety agenda and energised a campaign of improvement owned by the stakeholders. This is a fantastic example of teamwork across multiple sites and staff groups and was an innovative approach to a challenging problem.



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HIGHLY COMMENDED



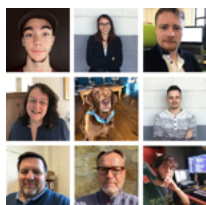
Northampton General Hospital Trust Mouthcare really does matter!

The Infection Prevention & Control Team at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust implemented best practice evidence based national guidance, 'Mouth Care Matters' to enhance the quality of mouth care provided. In 2018/19 a third of patients that developed C.difficile infection did so following antibiotics for hospital acquired pneumonia (HAP), of which poor mouth care is a significant contributory factor. The aim was to reduce antibiotics usage and associated C.difficile infection by reducing incidence of HAP through improving mouth care.

JUDGES COMMENTS

The judges felt that this was a super example of applied infection prevention innovation to improve patient experience, reduce measured incidence of infection and subsequently, the safety profile of a Trust. This impactful local project has demonstrated significant improvements in HAI prevention rates, improved staff training and skills development, as well as delivered dramatic reductions in HAIs.

FINALISTS



Focus Games and NHS Partners FluBee Game

Engaging with staff is the starting point for any vaccination campaign. This especially important for staff with doubts about flu or the vaccine.

In 2016 Focus Games worked with Joan Pons Laplana and James Paget University Hospitals to develop a digital game that would engage staff and challenge common myths. It was called Flu Bee Game.

The game improves vaccine uptake by engaging staff on their phone. It does two vital jobs:

1. Challenges common misconceptions
2. Tells staff where to get vaccinated

Since 2016 the game has been used in over 40 NHS trusts and 300 care homes.



Southern Health and Social Care Trust Carbapenem Reduction Programme

Between April-2018 and March-2019 a 25% increase in the use of carbapenems was observed in the Southern Health

and Social Care Trust (SHSCT). Whilst working to identify strategies to reduce carbapenem use, an audit highlighted that although microbiology recommended most of the carbapenems prescribed, the lack of a 72-hour review was the main factor driving carbapenem consumption. The proposed intervention developed in response to this focused on improving the review of carbapenems through Consultant Microbiologist/ID Physician/Antimicrobial Pharmacist led ward rounds.



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