

Practice Nurse IPC Forum

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Agenda

- Frequently asked IPC questions
- Updated UTI Diagnostic Guidance





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1. Does the Health & Social Care Act, Code of Practice for the prevention of Infections apply to GP practices ? **Yes.** The Code applies to all Health & Social Care Providers. Criterion 1 outlines the requirement for the IPC leads in Primary Care: [Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance - GOV.UK](#)
2. Does the National IPC manual apply to Primary Care/ GP practices? **Yes**, it applies to all Healthcare providers: [NHS England » National infection prevention and control manual \(NIPCM\) for England](#)
3. Do I need to clean the skin before giving an IM injection ? For IM injections included in the Green Book , you should follow Green Book guidelines. For IM injections that are **NOT** included in the Green Book, best practice guidance is to clean the skin with 70% alcohol swab and allow the skin to dry for 30 seconds (*unless stated as a contraindication in the safety data sheet for that medicine*)
4. Do I need to clean the skin before taking bloods (Venepuncture) ? **Yes.** Guidelines advise using 70% isopropyl alcohol/2% chlorhexidine gluconate applied as a single-step procedure, allowing to air dry, and refraining from re-palpating the vein after cleansing:
 - [Preparation of the venepuncture site \(transfusionguidelines.org\)](#)
 - [Venepuncture \(infectionpreventioncontrol.co.uk\)](#)
 - [Venepuncture - Royal Marsden Manual-](#)
5. How often should I clean reusable patient equipment ? **After each patient use**
6. How often should clinical curtains be changed? **Routinely change according to Functional Risk category, unless visibly soiled :** [PRN00904ii-app-2-elements-performance-parameters-and-cleaning-frequencies.docx](#)





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7. What training must I complete to meet the legislative requirements of the IPC lead role? **Criterion 1** outlines the requirement for the IPC leads in Primary Care: [Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance - GOV.UK](#). To meet these legislative requirements, the IPC lead must demonstrate achieving education to the required level as indicated in the NHSE IPC Education Framework :[NHS England » Infection prevention and control education framework](#). Details of accredited training courses with Skills for Health can be found on the Surrey Training Hub IPC page : [Infection Prevention Control Lead Training : Surrey Training Hub](#)
8. Is there funding available for training ? How do I find out how to apply for it ? **Yes**, but you will need to apply for it via your PCN educator, Details can be found on the Surrey Training Hub IPC page: [Infection Prevention Control Lead Training : Surrey Training Hub](#)
9. What if I want to do other training after that – what would you suggest? **Funding** would need to be arranged with your employer, and it is always best to check with the training provider if their course aligns with the NHSE IPC education framework .
10. Do I need to write an annual IPC statement ? **Yes**- as per **Criterion 1**, which outlines the requirement for the IPC leads in Primary Care: [Health and Social Care Act 2008: code of practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance - GOV.UK](#).





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11. When should I use gloves? In accordance with the NIPCM: [NHS England » Chapter 1: Standard infection control precautions \(SICPs\)](#)
12. Can staff use their own hand cream? Yes, but it must not be shared with others or left where others can access it. Ideally keep in your pocket.
13. Do the National Cleaning standards apply to GP practices and what do I need to do with them ? Yes, they apply to all Healthcare premises: [NHS England » National standards of healthcare cleanliness 2025](#)
14. What IPC audit tool should I use? [NHS-England-standard-infection-control-precautions-monitoring-tool.xlsx](#)
15. How do you dispose of urine samples (dipstick) if you do not have a sluice room: Dispose in a nearby toilet . Do not dispose down any type of sink.
16. Where can I find slides from previous IPC Forum meetings ? Previous slides can be found on the Surrey training Hub site: can be found on the Surrey Training Hub IPC page: [Infection Prevention Control Lead Training : Surrey Training Hub](#)





Updated UTI Diagnostic Guidance

UKHSA and NHSE have just published an update to the [UTI diagnostic quick reference tools](#). This review was informed by an updated literature review, stakeholder input, and revised accessibility guidance.

The main changes to the tool include:

- updated algorithm design with the addition of text summaries of the recommendations
- removal of the diagnostic decision tool for children under 16 years (as covered by the updated [UTI in under 16s : diagnosis and management](#) from National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE))
- separating the previous decision tool for adults over the age of 65 years and those with suspected catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) into 2 separate algorithms





Questions

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