

Press Release



Infection Prevention Society
Incorporating the ICNA

The Infection Prevention Society announce the launch of the IPS IV Forum



The Infection Prevention Society exists to promote the advancement of education in infection prevention and control for the benefit of the community as a whole, in particular by the provision of training courses, accreditation schemes, education materials, meetings and conferences.

Following on from the mandatory surveillance of MRSA bacteraemia, there is now a recognition of the risk of infection to patients to whom IV therapy is administered. As a result of this, many healthcare providers have

taken the option of setting up specialist IV teams, often within the remit of Infection Prevention and Control Teams.

IPS recognise that a need exists for a national independent IV forum to provide and shape guidance and standards relating to the education and practice requirements of IV therapy. The Infection Prevention Society are proud to announce the launch of such a forum. Membership of the IPS IV Forum will facilitate shared expertise throughout the UK.

Aim of the forum

- The group will serve as a network for practitioners working in IV Therapy
- Develop competencies in line with those produced for Infection Control Nurses (ICNA 2004)
- Agree a standardised role specification
- Review current education and training opportunities currently available for such post holders within the UK
- Explore and subsequently seek to support and inform the development of suitable academic modules
- To consider career pathways for staff working in IV Therapy
- To consider best practice in relation to IV Therapy and share practical experiences
- Representation on IV Therapy issues within the IPS and externally as required
- Develop an IV Conference to run in parallel with the IPS National Conference
- Respond and comment on national guidance on behalf of the IPS

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

- Are you committed to the best possible IV care for patients?
- Do you want access to expert colleagues, evidence-based resources and a network with influence at national level across the UK and the Republic of Ireland?
- Will you be happy to influence the content of national IV standards, guidelines and educational resources?
- Is the answer yes? Then join the IPS IV Forum.
- You will be invited to the inaugural meeting to be held alongside the Infection Prevention 2008 Conference to be held at the Harrogate International Conference Centre.
- The meeting will be on the 24th September 2008 from 1pm to 4pm and people wishing to attend will be able to visit the Exhibition that is being held as part of the Conference. Membership of the Society is not necessary at this meeting, however continued membership of the Forum will entail joining the IPS.
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