

2nd annual national joint conference on health care associated infection

# Everybody's role and everybody's business!

Reducing health care associated infections:  
safe, clean, reliable care for patients



This  
conference is  
**free of charge**  
to all health care  
professionals!

**Tuesday**  
**13 November**  
**2007**  
York Racecourse  
Registration  
08.30 – 09.45  
Conference close – 16.50

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**Health care associated infection remains one of the biggest challenges to the health service in the United Kingdom. It is a major issue which rightly demands attention at all levels because it can incapacitate, disable or kill patients who rightly expect to be protected whilst being cared for in a modern health service.**

Few people can doubt the commitment of health care staff and the Government to tackle the problem of health care associated infection. Indeed, there has been a huge amount of investment and professional activity directed towards reducing the risks to patients. Recent initiatives have been the introduction of the Government's Hygiene Code, better surveillance and reporting of MRSA bacteraemia, the introduction of reduction targets and on-going pro-active measures such as the NPSA's cleanyourhands campaign and the RCN's Wipe it out Campaign. However, the problem with tackling health care associated infection is that it is complex and multi-faceted. MRSA remains challenging with new strains regularly emerging, community MRSA has now started to cause serious concern as it affects a totally new patient population and Clostridium difficile can be deadly and must be taken seriously.

The Department of Health, the Royal College of Nursing and the National Patient Safety Agency are committed to joint professional working which promotes and facilitates patient safety. This **free** national conference is aimed at all levels of health care professionals and clinicians. With a line up of top speakers from a wide variety of key organisations, the conference will explore where we are at in the battle against health care associated infection and what are the ongoing challenges for all involved in caring for patients and ensuring their safety.

## The venue

York Racecourse, York YO23 1EX  
Tel: 01904 620911 Fax: 01904 611071  
enquiries@yorkracecourse.co.uk

York Racecourse is a spectacular events venue ideally located with easy access from the motorway network and mainline train services. York Racecourse also offers ample free parking for all delegates.

It has 100 acres of beautiful grounds and is close to the heart of the city.

## Accommodation

There's a wide variety of hotels and B&Bs available in York. Please find listed below information for the Holiday Inn and Marriott hotels which are located within a five minute drive of York Racecourse.

Alternatively, please call York Tourist Board on Tel: 01904 550099 or visit their website <http://www.visit-york.org/> for a more comprehensive listing.

### The Holiday Inn York

The Holiday Inn York Hotel enjoys a prime location overlooking York Race course and is just 1.5 miles from the Historic City Centre of York.

Please call 0870 400 9670 for bedroom reservations or email [reservations-york@ihg.com](mailto:reservations-york@ihg.com)

### The Marriott Hotel

With its sweeping views of the famed York Racecourse and Knavesmire Parkland, the York Marriott Hotel is set just beyond the ancient walls of the city centre.

Please call 01904 701000 for bedroom reservations or visit their website [www.marriott-hotels.co.uk](http://www.marriott-hotels.co.uk)

## Exhibition

An exhibition will accompany the conference. If you are interested in exhibiting, advertising or sponsorship please contact the exhibition department on:

Tel: 020 8872 3110 Fax: 020 8872 3196

Email: [exhibitions@rcnpublishing.co.uk](mailto:exhibitions@rcnpublishing.co.uk)

## **\*\*Important notice – non-attendance\*\***

Although this conference is free of charge to all attendees, a fee of £75.00 will be charged to you if you fail to attend on the day without previously giving us notice. This will ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to benefit from this conference and that Department of Health resources are not wasted. Cancellations can be accepted up to and including Tuesday 30 October 2007. Substitutions can be made at any time. Consideration will be given in exceptional circumstances only.

# Conference programme

## Tuesday 13 November 2007



**08.30** Registration, exhibition viewing and refreshments

**09.45** Chair's opening remarks

Mike Hayward, *RCN Professional Nurse Adviser – Acute and Emergency Care*

**9.50** Where are we now? A view from the top

Professor Christine Beasley, *Chief Nursing Officer for England*

**10.20** Keynote address

MP to be confirmed

**10.45** Working together – the importance of multi-disciplinary working

Maura Buchanan, *President, The Royal College of Nursing*

**11.15** Refreshments and exhibition viewing

**11.45** Case study – How improvements and reductions in MRSA were made in Wolverhampton

Cheryl Etches, *Nurse Director, The Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust*

**12.15** Safety first: Clean your hands

Dr Helen Glenister, *Deputy Chief Executive, National Patient Safety Agency*

**12.45** Lunch and exhibition viewing

**13.45** Chair's welcome

**13.50** The impact of the hygiene code, compliance and recommendations

Helen Jenkinson, *Infection Control Policy Lead, Healthcare Commission*

**14.20** Legal issues, corporate liability and litigation

Kevin McNerney, *Employment Barrister, Employment Law, Royal College of Nursing*

**14.50** Infection is an insult to patients

Ann Alexander, *Trustee, The Patients' Association*

**15.20** Refreshments and exhibition viewing

**15.50** Clostridium Difficile

Rose Gallagher, *Infection Control Adviser, The Royal College of Nursing*

**16.20** Question time session

**16.50** Chair's closing remarks and close of conference



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## How to book

**Post** this booking form to: **Event registrations, PO Box 2329, Cardiff, CF23 8YZ**

**Phone:** 029 2054 6460

**Fax** this booking form to: 029 2054 6489

**Registration confirmation: All bookings will be confirmed in writing** and nearer to the conference you will receive delegate information, including directions to the venue.

**If you want to confirm that you are registered for the event, please contact:**

**RCN Events registrations on 029 2054 6460 mon-fri 9.30 – 4.30.**

## Terms of booking

**Conference fees:** This conference is **free of charge** and a conference fee will only be applicable if delegates fail to give notice of non attendance after **Tuesday 30 October 2007** where a £75.00 charge will be applicable. An invoice will be issued to you for payment.

Substitutions can be made at any time.

It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the organisers to alter the content and timing of the programme or the occasional identity of the speakers.

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