

FOURTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

A Practical Guide to

Reducing Clostridium difficile

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FROM BOARD TO WARD

THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2008
76 PORTLAND PLACE, LONDON

Topics Include:

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UK *C. diff* deaths 'rise sharply'

There are 10 times more deaths across the UK from the superbug *Clostridium difficile* among over 65-year-olds than in any other country in the world, figures suggest.

The equivalent of one person dies every hour in our hospitals from this deadly superbug. It contributes to the deaths of four times as many people as MRSA. It's mutating, getting even stronger and showing signs of resistance to one of only two drugs able to combat it.

BBC WEBSITE, PANORAMA: HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOSPITAL? BBC ONE 10.20PM SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2007.

Chaired by **Professor Mark Wilcox** *Clinical Director of Microbiology Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust and Member The Clostridium Difficile Ribotyping Network for England (CDRNE) and Member, The National Clostridium Difficile Working Group, The Steering Group on Healthcare Associated Infection* Department of Health, this conference provides an update on the latest developments in reducing *Clostridium difficile* (Cdiff) – including the new consultation report '**Clostridium difficile infection: how to deal with the problem – a board to ward approach.**' – especially as the latest Cdiff figures have shown a substantial increase, which is disappointing as it was predicted that figures would continue to decrease.

The consultation report is being developed by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) in light of the increase in reported cases of Cdiff. The revised guidelines identify best practice and key recommendations for the NHS to ensure the control of *Clostridium difficile*. **Professor Peter Hawkey** *Chairman, The National Clostridium Difficile Working Group, The Steering Group on Healthcare Associated Infection* Department of Health and *Professor of Public Health* University of Birmingham, focuses on dealing with the problem from board to ward and identifies key recommendations from the updated report on prevention and management.

The conference includes an interactive session which will enable you to take part in an open discussion forum and put forward your top three tips for reducing Cdiff.

Whether you are an infection control specialist or member of the hospital team, this one day conference will provide you with a unique opportunity to learn about the latest developments in reducing Cdiff and best practice approaches.

Feedback from previous *Clostridium difficile* delegates:

“I've been to many conferences in the last 20 years – this was one of the best with excellent speakers and comprehensive coverage of key issues of relevance. Plenty of lessons to take back to my workplace.”

BARNET AND CHASE FARM NHS TRUST

“Excellent – it was informative, educating and encouraging.”

NEWHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

“Well run. Informative. Enjoyed case study approach. Very useful and good to have a true multi-professional audience.”

IPSWICH HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

“Excellent day containing very relevant, up-to-date information and a very topical subject.”

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10.00 Clostridium difficile: an update

Professor Mark Wilcox

Clinical Director of Microbiology Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust and Member The Clostridium Difficile Ribotyping Network for England (CDRNE) and Member, The National Clostridium Difficile Working Group, The Steering Group on Healthcare Associated Infection Department of Health

- Cdiff: are we improving?
- gaining consensus on good practice: the evidence on what works
- can we eliminate Cdiff?

10.30 Clostridium difficile: dealing with the problem from board to ward

Professor Peter Hawkey

Chairman, The National Clostridium Difficile Working Group, The Steering Group on Healthcare Associated Infection Department of Health and Professor of Public Health University of Birmingham

- Clostridium difficile infection: how to deal with the problem from board to ward
- key recommendations from the updated report on CDI prevention and management
- lessons and learning from the consultation

11.00 Questions and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition at 11.10

11.35 Monitoring and surveillance of Clostridium difficile

Dr Andrew Pearson

Consultant Epidemiologist, Healthcare Associated Infection Health Protection Agency

- monitoring and surveillance of Cdiff: current issues
- national developments and implications for local systems
- learning lessons from monitoring and surveillance: examples in practice

12.00 Learning lessons from the Clostridium difficile outbreaks and investigations

Janice Stevens

Programme Director, MRSA/Cleaner Hospitals Team Department of Health

- case studies of good practice and lessons from outbreaks and investigations
- understanding the root causes of Cdiff outbreaks and changing the culture to consider CDI as a diagnosis in its own right
- how trusts who have been investigated by the Healthcare Commission are changing practice

12.25 Involving and engaging patients

Neil Manser *Founder Member and Bev Hurst* *Founder Member and Secretary* The National Concern for Healthcare Infections
Bev is also a Patient Champion for the World Health Organisation Patients for Patient Safety Programme

- the patient perspective on what works to reduce Cdiff
- how to involve and engage patients in reducing Cdiff in practice
- case studies and examples of good practice

12.50 Questions and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition at 13.00

REDUCING CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE FROM BOARD TO WARD: PRACTICAL CASE STUDIES

13.50 Improving isolation facilities and practice

Dr Sheldon Stone

Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Elderly Medicine Royal Free Hospital NHS Trust and University College Medical School and Member, The National Clostridium Difficile Working Group, The Steering Group on Healthcare Associated Infection Department of Health

- ensuring isolation capacity matches demand: recommendations for the board
- improving isolation practice: ensuring frontline staff understand when to isolate
- how can you ensure policy is implemented in practice: examples of good practice

14.20 Developing education, training and competence on the wards: implementing an infection control passport for all healthcare workers

Corinne Cameron-Watson

Senior Infection Control Nurse Barking Havering and Redbridge NHS Trust

- developing education and training for frontline staff in the management of Cdiff
- improving awareness and ensuring the staff have the tools and isolation facilities
- the development and implementation of an infection control passport
- recommendations from the board to the ward

14.45 Changing practice in antibiotic prescribing

Professor Jonathan Cooke

Director of Research and Development and Clinical Director of Pharmacy and Medicines Management, University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust and Member, The National Clostridium Difficile Working Group, The Steering Group on Healthcare Associated Infection, Department of Health

- changing practice in antibiotic prescribing to reduce Cdiff
- developing controls of antibiotic prescribing: policy and practice
- our approach and the impact on Cdiff

15.10 Questions and answers, followed by tea and exhibition at 15.20

15.35 Recognising and assessing risk on the wards

Christine Perry

Associate Director of Nursing, Infection Control NHS South West

- using audit, screening and risk assessment tools to identify high risk Cdiff areas
- using a care bundle approach on the wards to improve the management of Cdiff
- the role of incident reporting in Cdiff investigation and management

16.00 Reversing the trend: from board to ward

Dr Sara Mumford

Director of Infection Prevention and Control Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

- assessing and recognising the risk of Cdiff proactively
- understanding the root causes of a Cdiff outbreak
- reversing the trend in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells: how things have changed since the Healthcare Commission Investigation

16.30 Consensus on good practice in the management of Clostridium difficile from board to ward

Delegates and speakers will be asked to put forward their top three tips for reducing Cdiff in practice from board to ward. These will then be collated to gain consensus on good practice and discussed with the audience

17.00 Question and answers, followed by close

