



# Infection Control Representative Role Description

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## The role of the Infection Control representative is to:

- Role model the Infection Control process, encourage and monitor safe work practices.
- Identify Infection Control issues and concerns to the WCDHB Clinical Nurse Specialist - Infection Control.
- Attend an initial training session and update as required.
- Reinforce individual responsibility for Infection Control requirements within Service/Department/Unit
- Act as a resource person for Infection Control information
- Encourage accident/incident reporting
- Attend Infection Control Committee meetings and report to meeting any Service/Department/Unit issues / activities.
- Share outcomes of meetings and planned events at departmental team meetings.
- Carry out annual Infection Control audit in Service/Department/Unit
- Identify and request training and education as required

## 2. The Person

- Will have an interest in Infection Control.
- Will be prepared to act as a role model to others.
- Will be proactive in challenging work practices and promote improvement and change.
- Will have an interest in personal health.
- Will be interested in learning new skills.
- Will understand and practice good communication.
- Will be interested in making a difference with the outcome of a safer working environment.

## 3. Support

The Clinical Nurse Specialist - Infection Control along with the Infection Control Committee will provide ongoing support that will include regular meetings, workshops, day to day support with advice, and direction.



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### 4. Networking

Infection Control Representatives will be based in every Service/Department/Unit throughout Coast Health Care. This will provide a valuable networking group and sharing of resources, outcomes, policies and procedures, developments and will be encouraged and coordinated through the WCDHB Clinical Nurse Specialist - Infection Control and Infection Control Committee.

### 5. Benefits

- Learn new skills (which can be carried onto another position).
- Will help in career development.
- Active involvement in the development of WCDHB
- Gives an overview and processes involved.
- Focusing on employee and environment requirements.
- Developing a safe workplace.
- A more in-depth knowledge of legislation requirements.
- Active involvement in creating positive change.

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