



## 1. Introduction

The Infection Control Service's core business is to minimise Hospital Acquired Infections.

Hospital Acquired Infections are infections resulting from micro-organisms acquired by patients while in a Health-care Facility or following treatment by a Health-care Provider.

The Infection Control Service is responsible for surveillance of infections, auditing of Infection Control practices, monitoring Hospital hygiene, investigating and advising on the control of outbreaks or cross-infections and as an educational role for the training of all Hospital staff members in Infection Control best practices.

West Coast District Health (WCDHB) Board Infection Control Service has adopted the New Zealand Standard **NZS 8142:2008 Infection Control (Standard)** as its Blueprint for operational standard.

The WCDHB Infection Control Service will at all times undertake to provide a service which complies with the Standard.

The Infection Control Service will endeavour to achieve this by:

- Implementing the Standards NZS 8142:2008 as a minimum standard for all operational procedures throughout all WCDHB facilities;
- Minimising Hospital Acquired Infections in patients and staff members by a co-ordinated process of evaluation, surveillance, monitoring of antibiotic usage and outbreak intervention;

To provide all staff members with an Infection Control Service that strives for continuous improvement.

## 2. Aim

To minimise Hospital Acquired Infections in patients and staff members through a co-ordinated processes of education, surveillance, Antimicrobial usage monitoring, quality and risk management and outbreak intervention.

## 3. Vision

Promote Infection Control awareness and practices in patients, staff members, and visitors through education, surveillance, clinical intervention and support.

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