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Hand hygiene for dental healthcare workers

<https://nhhi.southrock.com>

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is pleased to announce the release of our new *Hand Hygiene for Dental healthcare workers* eLearning module.



Good hand hygiene practices are essential in preventing the spread of infections and safeguarding patients' and healthcare workers' health and safety. Our online training modules offer a comprehensive overview of hand hygiene best practice, including the '5 Moments for Hand Hygiene' and infection prevention and control techniques.

The new module is designed to support education of dental healthcare workers about hand hygiene. Whether you are clinical, non-clinical, a student or working in community care, our eLearning modules support the training and needs of healthcare workers across all settings.

To access the latest modules, please visit National Hand Hygiene Initiative Learning Management System at <https://nhhi.southrock.com> and follow the registration instructions. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at HAI@safetyandquality.gov.au

Reports

Fall Prevention in NSW. White Paper 2023

Clinical Excellence Commission

Sydney: Clinical Excellence Commission; 2023. p. 56.

URL	https://www.ccc.health.nsw.gov.au/keep-patients-safe/older-persons-patient-safety-program/fall-prevention																																																				
Notes	<p>This white paper from the Clinical Excellence Commission in New South Wales describes the current and growing incidence of falls. It also presents insights on falls and actions for fall prevention arising from a roundtable along with example of local solutions and interventions that are being undertaken. The White Paper also includes a number of recommendations.</p> <div> <table border="1"> <caption>Fall-related injury hospitalisations among older people in NSW, by age group, 2010 - 2021</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>65-84 years</th> <th>85+ years</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>15,000</td> <td>11,000</td> <td>26,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>16,000</td> <td>12,000</td> <td>28,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012</td> <td>17,000</td> <td>13,000</td> <td>30,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013</td> <td>18,000</td> <td>14,000</td> <td>32,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>19,000</td> <td>15,000</td> <td>34,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>20,000</td> <td>16,000</td> <td>36,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>21,000</td> <td>17,000</td> <td>38,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>22,000</td> <td>18,000</td> <td>40,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>23,000</td> <td>19,000</td> <td>42,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>24,000</td> <td>20,000</td> <td>44,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>23,000</td> <td>19,000</td> <td>42,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021</td> <td>24,000</td> <td>20,000</td> <td>44,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p>Figure 1: Fall-related injury hospitalisations among older people in NSW, by age group, 2010 to 2021</p>	Year	65-84 years	85+ years	Total	2010	15,000	11,000	26,000	2011	16,000	12,000	28,000	2012	17,000	13,000	30,000	2013	18,000	14,000	32,000	2014	19,000	15,000	34,000	2015	20,000	16,000	36,000	2016	21,000	17,000	38,000	2017	22,000	18,000	40,000	2018	23,000	19,000	42,000	2019	24,000	20,000	44,000	2020	23,000	19,000	42,000	2021	24,000	20,000	44,000
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Implementation, readiness and resourcing. A practical guide to the adoption and spread of health innovation programmes
Health Innovation Network

URL	https://healthinnovation-em.org.uk/news-blog/latest-news/1567-driving-successful-innovation-roll-out
Notes	<p>The Health Innovation Network in the UK's NHS has developed this guide that 'aims to provide an easy to adapt framework for people working within health and care systems seeking to adopt and embed a service innovation or transformation.' The guide uses the example of the Focus ADHA programme to illustrate approaches to innovation implementation and spread. The guide 'is structured around five core areas for programmes to be successfully implemented and sustained':</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding the context 2. Raising awareness 3. Building will 4. Supporting implementation 5. Changing behaviour.

Interim report: Retained swabs following invasive procedures: themes identified from a review of NHS serious incident reports

Health Services Safety Investigation Body

Poole: HSSIB; 2023.

URL	https://www.hssib.org.uk/patient-safety-investigations/retained-surgical-swabs/
Notes	<p>The Health Services Safety Investigation Body (HSSIB) in the UK has released this interim report of their investigation into events involving retained swabs following invasive procedures. Spurred by the case of a patient undergoing cardiac surgery who had to return to the operating theatre twice for the removal of swabs that had been left behind. The HSSIB analysed and identified common themes in 31 serious incident reports where a swab was unintentionally retained following an invasive procedure. This interim report presents the findings, observations and recommendation of the investigation. Some of the themes will be explored further in the ongoing investigation. The aim of this report is to share current understanding of where and how retained swab events occur, and to help healthcare organisations to take a proactive, systems-based approach to understanding and seeking to address this persistent patient safety concern.</p>

Journal articles

Patient safety in remote primary care encounters: multimethod qualitative study combining Safety I and Safety II analysis

Payne R, Clarke A, Swann N, van Dael J, Brenman N, Rosen R, et al

BMJ Quality & Safety 2023.

DOI	https://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjqs-2023-016674
Notes	<p>Remote care – telehealth by phone or video – became routine during the COVID-19 pandemic and is now a common mode. This piece reports on an attempt to understand the safety aspects of remote care encounters in UK primary care with a multimethod qualitative study. The study examined 95 safety incidents involving remote care interactions and also followed 12 general practices. The study 'explored causes of real safety incidents retrospectively ('Safety I' analysis)' while also sought to understand 'why safety and near-miss incidents (rarely) occurred and why they did not occur more often ('Safety II' analysis).'</p>

	<p>The authors observe that ‘Safety incidents were characterised by inappropriate modality, poor rapport building, inadequate information gathering, limited clinical assessment, inappropriate pathway (eg, wrong algorithm) and inadequate attention to social circumstances. These resulted in missed, inaccurate or delayed diagnoses, underestimation of severity or urgency, delayed referral, incorrect or delayed treatment, poor safety netting and inadequate follow-up. Patients with complex pre-existing conditions, cardiac or abdominal emergencies, vague or generalised symptoms, safeguarding issues, failure to respond to previous treatment or difficulty communicating seemed especially vulnerable. General practices were facing resource constraints, understaffing and high demand. Triage and care pathways were complex, hard to navigate and involved multiple staff. In this context, patient safety often depended on individual staff taking initiative, speaking up or personalising solutions.’</p>
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Australian Health Review

Volume 47, Number 6, December 2023

URL	https://www.publish.csiro.au/ah/issue/11464
Notes	<p>A new issue of <i>Australian Health Review</i> has been published. Articles in this issue of <i>Australian Health Review</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making good on the promise of genomics in healthcare: the NSW Health perspective (Deb Willcox, Ronald J. A. Trent, Nigel Lyons, Cliff Meldrum, Peter Kennedy, Tamara Lee, Yemima Berman, Bronwyn Burgess, John William Cannings, Martin Joseph Canova, Celia Halliburton, Olivia Hibbitt, Sarah Karen Norris, Antonio Penna, A Perkins, E Pilowsky and S Rushton) • Gathering the evidence: health and aged care carbon inventory study (Sharon Desmond, J Smith, J Hogg, J Walton-Hespe and J Gardner-Marlin) • Worsening psychological wellbeing of Australian hospital clinical staff during three waves of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (Sara Holton, Bodil Rasmussen, Shane Crowe, Melody Trueman, Adrian Dabscheck, Sarah Booth, Danielle Hitch, Catherine M. Said, Kimberley J. Haines and K Wynter) • An analysis of legislation and policies that guide maternity leave decision making in Australian midwifery students (Michelle Gray, Liz McNeill, Terri Downer, Dianne Bloxsome and Elaine Jefford) • A community of practice to address system-based issues and promote clinical leadership among trainee medical officers in a large public health service: an evaluation of a trainee-led forum (Samuel M Koopowitz, Matthew Arnold, J M Inglis, K Hon, A Vanlint, L F Koopowitz and G O’Callaghan) • Systematic audit of Australian specialty colleges’ policies on bullying, discrimination, and harassment (Thomas Haskell and Nancy Merridew) • Establishing a ‘Virtual’ model of emergency care in Melbourne’s southeast (Muhuntha Sri-Ganeshan, Andrew Underhill, Claire Charteris, Fergus McGee and Peter A Cameron) • General practice accreditation – does time spent on-site matter? (Michael Jones, David McNaughton and Paul Mara) • The incidence of personal importation of prescription medicines among Australians 45 and older: a cross-sectional survey (Narczyz Ghinea, Andrew Roberts, Tania Prvan and Wendy Rogers) • A conceptual framework to support hospitals to measure and realise financial benefits from process improvement programs: perspectives from Australia, USA and UK (Jane Evans, Sandra G Leggat and Daniel Samson)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The economic burden of myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome in Australia (Ting Zhao, Ingrid A Cox, Hasnat Ahmad, Julie A Campbell, Martin Hensher, Andrew J Palmer, Ryan M Kelly, Melissa J Rogerson, Karen Wills and Barbara de Graaff) • Adoption of out-of-pocket cost caps: an Australian perspective (Ramya Walsan, Rebecca J Mitchell and Reema Harrison) • Intensive care utilisation after elective surgery in Australia and New Zealand: getting the balance right (Philip Emerson, Arthas Flabouris, Josephine Thomas, Jeremy Fernando, Siva Senthuran and K Sundararajan) • A cross-sectional study exploring equity of access to telehealth in culturally and linguistically diverse communities in a major health service (Victor M Gallegos-Rejas, Jaimon T Kelly, Karen Lucas, Centaine L Snoswell, Helen M Haydon, Sue Pager, Anthony C Smith and Emma E Thomas) • Allied health service delivery in residential aged care and the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic: a survey of the allied health workforce (Isabelle Meulenbroeks, Magdalena Z Raban, Karla Seaman, Nasir Wabe and Johanna Westbrook) • Delivering complex surgical services: lessons learned from the evolution of a specialised pelvic exenteration centre (Kilian G M Brown, Kate E McBride, Teresa Anderson and Michael J Solomon) • Deterioration of mild anxiety and depression with Better Access treatment: implications for scaling up psychotherapy worldwide (Stephen Allison, Tarun Bastiampillai, Steve Kisely and Jeffrey C L Looi) • The unfulfilled promises of electronic health records (Jeffrey C L Looi, Steve Kisely, Stephen Allison, Tarun Bastiampillai and Paul A Maguire) • What have been the clinical outcomes of the Project Synergy/InnoWell digital health platform? (Jeffrey C L Looi, Stephen Allison, Tarun Bastiampillai and Steve Kisely)
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Public Health Research & Practice

Volume 33, Issue 4, December 2023

URL	https://www.phrp.com.au/issues/december-2023-volume-33-issue-4/
	<p>A new issue of <i>Public Health Research & Practice</i> has been published with a theme of ‘urban planning and development for health’. Articles in this issue of <i>Public Health Research & Practice</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial: Urban planning and development for health: key principles to guide action and change (Jason Prior, Edgar Liu, Evelyne de Leeuw, Nicky Morrison, Agis Tsouros) • Urban policy, space and wellbeing: a move towards LGBTQIA+ inclusive planning (Andrew Gorman-Murray, Jason Prior, Rebecca Cadorin, Alice Vincent, Jean-Louise Olivier, Evelyne de Leeuw) • Heat illness presentations to emergency departments in Western Sydney: surveillance for environmental, personal and behavioural risk factors (Stephen J Conaty, Sayontonee Ghosh, Khizar Ashraf, Karin H Taylor, George Truman, Helen Noonan, Mithilesh Dronavalli, Bin Jalaludin) • Therapeutic aspects of Connection to Country and cultural landscapes among Aboriginal peoples from the Stolen Generations living in urban NSW, Australia (Aryati Yashadhana, Ted Fields, Edgar Liu, Nina Serova, Michelle O’Leary, Gail Kenning, Volker Kuchelmeister, J Lockhart, E de Leeuw)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of community-based food access strategies in high-income countries: a systematic review of randomised controlled trials (Sandra Marjanovic, Katherine Kent, Nicky Morrison, Jason Wu, Catharine Fleming, Kathy Trieu, Kate McBride, David Simmons, U Osuagwu, F MacMillan) • Urban environmental exposures during the first 2000 days of life as a foundation for health across the life-course: a scoping review (Erica McIntyre, Jason Prior, Christine Catling, Rupert Legg, Dwan Vilcins, Jane Frawley, Clare Perry, Amanda Henry, Christina Rojas, Valsamma Eapen) • A participatory system map of the adverse influence of urban environments on population health: integrating urban development and preventive health expertise (Jason Prior, Rupert Legg, Erica McIntyre) • How tobacco companies use the revolving door between government and industry to influence policymaking: an Australian case study (Christina Watts, Melissa Jones, Kylie Lindorff, Becky Freeman) • Cost-effectiveness and productivity impacts of call-back telephone counselling for smoking cessation (Paul Crosland, M Scollo, S L White, N McCaffrey) • Developing a climate change inequality health impact assessment for health services (Fiona Haigh, Alana Crimeen, Liz Green, Holger Moeller, Stephen J Conaty, Jason H Prior, Ben Harris-Roxas) • Assessing tenant health amid social housing redevelopment: lessons from a pilot project (Christopher M Standen, Erica McIntyre, Hazel Easthope, Jennifer Green, Fiona Haigh) • The value of universal screening for COVID-19 cases on cruise ships during outbreaks (Adam Capon, Sandra Chaverot, Anthea L Katelaris, Mark Ferson, Natalie Klees, Christine Selvey, Vicky Sheppard) • The CDC Foundation’s COVID-19 emergency response pilot project: a case study in knowledge brokering for older adults and caregivers (Alaina Whitton, Hailey Bednar, Rachel F Singer, Roy Ahn, Jessica Fox, Lauren Isaacs, Alycia Bayne)
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Health Affairs

Volume 42, Number 12, December 2023

URL	https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/42/12
Notes	<p>A new issue of <i>Health Affairs</i> has been published with the themes ‘Global Lessons From COVID-19’. Articles in this issue of <i>Health Affairs</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections On Epidemiological Modeling To Inform Policy During The COVID-19 Pandemic In Western Europe, 2020–23 (Mark Jit, Kylie Ainslie, Christian Althaus, Constantino Caetano, Vittoria Colizza, Daniela Paolotti, Philippe Beutels, Lander Willem, John Edmunds, Baltazar Nunes, Sónia Namorado, Christel Faes, Nicola Low, Jacco Wallinga, and Niel Hens) • Why Similar Policies Resulted In Different COVID-19 Outcomes: How Responsiveness And Culture Influenced Mortality Rates (Tse Yang Lim, Ran Xu, Nick Ruktanonchai, Omar Saucedo, Lauren M Childs, Mohammad S Jalali, Hazhir Rahmandad, and Navid Ghaffarzadegan) • Lives Versus Livelihoods: The Epidemiological, Social, And Economic Impact Of COVID-19 In Latin America And The Caribbean (Adolfo Rubinstein, Federico Filippini, Adrian Santoro, Alejandro L Lopez Osornio, Ariel L Bardach, Emiliano Navarro, Cintia Cejas, Sebastian Bauhoff, Federico Augustovski, Andrés L Pichon-Riviere, and Eduardo L Levy Yeyati)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruption Of Non-COVID-19 Health Care In Latin America During The Pandemic: Effects On Health, Lessons For Policy (Pedro Bernal Lara, William D Savedoff, María Fernanda García Agudelo, Carolina Bernal, Laura Goyeneche, Rita Sorio, Ricardo Pérez-Cuevas, Marcia Gomes da Rocha, Leonardo Goes Shibata, Cristina San Roman Vucetich, and Sebastian Bauhoff) • COVID-19 Disruption To Routine Health Care Services: How 8 Latin American And Caribbean Countries Responded (Cristian A Herrera, Clara Juárez-Ramírez, Hortensia Reyes-Morales, Paula Bedregal, Diana L Reartes-Peñañiel, Sandra P Díaz-Portillo, Niek Klazinga, D S Kringos, and J Veillard) • COVID-19 And Mental Health Outcomes Of Older Adults: Evidence From Mexico (Cesar Gonzalez-Gonzalez, Karina Orozco-Rocha, Deborah S DeGraff, Rafael Samper-Ternent, and Rebeca Wong) • Global Vaccine Access Demands Combating Both Inequity And Hesitancy (Peter J Hotez) • The Health Justice Policy Tracker: COVID-19 Policies To Advance Health Justice For Vulnerable Populations (Malvikha Manoj, Phong Phu Truong, Jeremy Shiffman, and Yusra Ribhi Shawar) • Substantial Disparities In COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake And Unmet Immunization Demand In Low- And Middle-Income Countries (Ashley M Fox, Yongjin Choi, and Leesa Lin) • Public Perceptions Of COVID-19 Lockdown Policies In Europe: Socioeconomic Status And Trust Were Factors (Lasse Falk, Sebastian Neumann-Böhme, Iryna Sabat, and Jonas Schreyögg) • Socioeconomic Disparities In Mortality And Health Care Use During The COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence From Germany (Esra Eren Bayindir, Robert Messerle, Tom Stargardt, and Jonas Schreyögg) • Adolescent Social Outcomes Declined During COVID-19: Evidence From Bangladesh, Jordan, And Ethiopia (Jennifer Seager, Erin Oakley, Ahwaz Akhtar, Saini Das, Joan Hamory, and Sarah Baird) • A Systematic Review Of COVID-19 Misinformation Interventions: Lessons Learned (Rory Smith, Kung Chen, Daisy Winner, S Friedhoff, and C Wardle) • COVID-19 Boosters: If The US Had Matched Israel’s Speed And Take-Up, An Estimated 29,000 US Lives Would Have Been Saved (Bernard Black, Vladimir Atanasov, Aharona Glatman-Freedman, Lital Keinan-Boker, Amnon Reichman, Lorenzo Franchi, J Meurer, Q Luo, D B Thaw, and A Moghtaderi) • FDA Global Drug Inspections: Surveillance Of Manufacturing Establishments Remains Well Below Pre-COVID-19 Levels (Emily Cuddy, Yun Peng Lu, and David B Ridley) • Changing The Playbook For Immigrant Health (Cheryl Bettigole, Patricia C Henwood, Sage Myers, and Maura Sammon)
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BMJ *Quality & Safety* online first articles

URL	https://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/recent
Notes	<p>BMJ <i>Quality & Safety</i> has published a number of ‘online first’ articles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient safety in remote primary care encounters: multimethod qualitative study combining Safety I and Safety II analysis (Rebecca Payne, Aileen Clarke, Nadia Swann, Jackie van Dael, Natassia Brenman, Rebecca Rosen, Adam Mackridge, Lucy Moore, Asli Kalin, Emma Ladds, Nina Hemmings, Sarah Rybczynska-Bunt, Stuart Faulkner, Isabel Hanson, Sophie Spitters, Sietse

	<p>Wieringa, Francesca H Dakin, Sara E Shaw, Joseph Wherton, Richard Byng, Laiba Husain, Trisha Greenhalgh)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality and reporting of large-scale improvement programmes: a review of maternity initiatives in the English NHS, 2010–2023 (James McGowan, Bothaina Attal, Isla Kuhn, Lisa Hinton, Tim Draycott, Graham P Martin, Mary Dixon-Woods) • Retrospective cohort study of wrong-patient imaging order errors: how many reach the patient? (Jerard Z Kneifati-Hayek, Elias Geist, Jo R Applebaum, Alexis K Dal Col, Hojjat Salmasian, Clyde B Schechter, Noémie Elhadad, Joshua Weintraub, Jason S Adelman)
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International Journal for Quality in Health Care online first articles

URL	https://academic.oup.com/intqhc/advance-articles
Notes	<p><i>International Journal for Quality in Health Care</i> has published a number of ‘online first’ articles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It’s time to protect nursing students from workplace violence (Ting-ting Chen et al)

Online resources

[UK] NICE Guidelines and Quality Standards

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance>

The UK’s National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published new (or updated) guidelines and quality standards. The latest reviews or updates include:

- NICE Guideline NG198 *Acne vulgaris: management* <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng198>

[USA] AHRQ Perspectives on Safety

<https://psnet.ahrq.gov/psnet-collection/perspectives>

The US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) publishes occasional Perspectives on Safety essays. Recent essays include:

- *The Role of Undergraduate Nursing Education in Patient Safety*
<https://psnet.ahrq.gov/perspective/role-undergraduate-nursing-education-patient-safety>

COVID-19 resources


<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/covid-19>

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has developed a number of resources to assist healthcare organisations, facilities and clinicians. These and other material on COVID-19 are available at <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/covid-19>

These resources include:

- *OVID-19 infection prevention and control risk management* This primer provides an overview of three widely used tools for investigating and responding to patient safety events and near misses. Tools covered in this primer include incident reporting systems, Root Cause Analysis (RCA), and Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA).
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/covid-19-infection-prevention-and-control-risk-management-guidance>

- *Poster – Combined contact and droplet precautions*
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/infection-prevention-and-control-poster-combined-contact-and-droplet-precautions>



VISITOR RESTRICTIONS MAY BE IN PLACE


For all staff

Combined contact & droplet precautions*


in addition to standard precautions

Before entering room/care zone


- 1




Perform hand hygiene
- 2




Put on gown
- 3



Put on surgical mask
- 4



Put on protective eyewear
- 5




Wear gloves, In accordance with standard precautions

What else can you do to stop the spread of infections?


- Always change gloves and perform hand hygiene between different care activities and when gloves become soiled to prevent cross contamination of body sites
- Consider patient placement
- Minimise patient movement

At doorway prior to leaving room/care zone


- 1




Remove and dispose of gloves if worn
- 2




Perform hand hygiene
- 3




Remove and dispose of gown
- 4




Perform hand hygiene
- 5




Remove protective eyewear
- 6




Perform hand hygiene
- 7



Remove and dispose of mask
- 8



Leave the room/care zone
- 9



Perform hand hygiene

*e.g. Acute respiratory tract infection with unknown aetiology, seasonal influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

For more detail, refer to the Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare and your state and territory guidance.

- *Poster – Combined airborne and contact precautions*
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/poster-combined-airborne-and-contact-precautions>

VISITOR RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

For all staff

Combined airborne & contact precautions

in addition to standard precautions

Before entering room/care zone

- 1

Perform hand hygiene
- 2

Put on gown
- 3

Put on a particulate respirator (e.g. P2/N95) and perform fit check
- 4

Put on protective eyewear
- 5

Perform hand hygiene
- 6

Put on gloves

At doorway prior to leaving room/care zone

- 1

Remove and dispose of gloves
- 2

Perform hand hygiene
- 3

Remove and dispose of gown
- 4

Leave the room/care zone
- 5

Perform hand hygiene (in an anteroom/outside the room/care zone)
- 6

Remove protective eyewear (in an anteroom/outside the room/care zone)
- 7

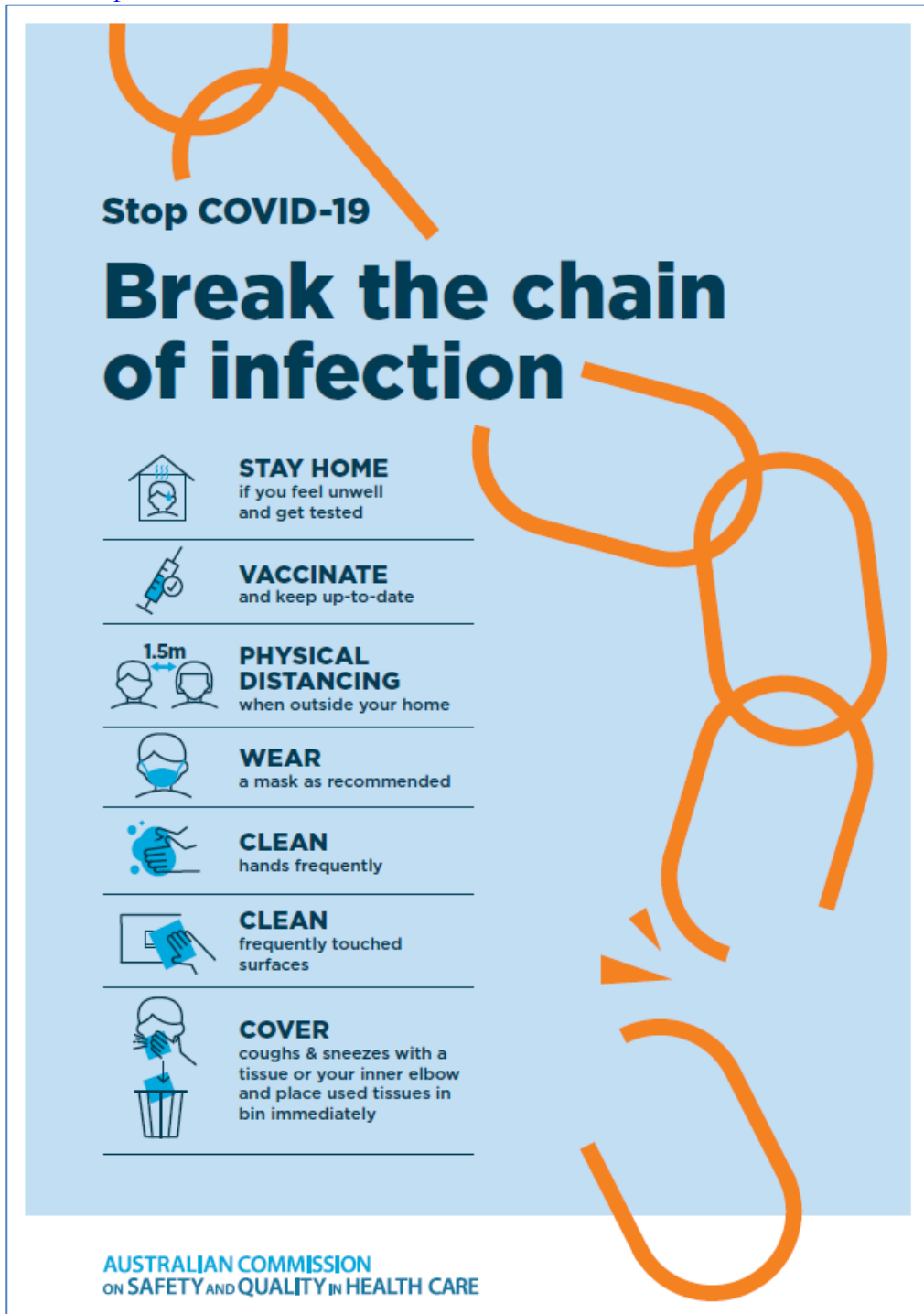
Perform hand hygiene (in an anteroom/outside the room/care zone)
- 8

Remove and dispose of particulate respirator (in an anteroom/outside the room/care zone)
- 9

Perform hand hygiene

KEEP DOOR CLOSED AT ALL TIMES

- *Environmental Cleaning and Infection Prevention and Control*
www.safetyandquality.gov.au/environmental-cleaning
- *COVID-19 infection prevention and control risk management – Guidance*
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/covid-19-infection-prevention-and-control-risk-management-guidance>
- *Safe care for people with cognitive impairment during COVID-19*
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/cognitive-impairment/cognitive-impairment-and-covid-19>
- *Stop COVID-19: Break the chain of infection* poster
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/break-chain-infection-poster-a3>



- *COVID-19 and face masks – Information for consumers*
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/covid-19-and-face-masks-information-consumers>

**AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION
ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE**

**INFORMATION
for consumers**

COVID-19 and face masks

Should I use a face mask?

Wearing face masks may protect you from droplets (small drops) when a person with COVID-19 coughs, speaks or sneezes, and you are less than 1.5 metres away from them. Wearing a mask will also help protect others if you are infected with the virus, but do not have symptoms of infection.

Wearing a face mask in Australia is recommended by health experts in areas where community transmission of COVID-19 is high, whenever physical distancing is not possible. Deciding whether to wear a face mask is your personal choice. Some people may feel more comfortable wearing a face mask in the community.


When thinking about whether wearing a face mask is right for you, consider the following:

- Face masks may protect you when it is not possible to maintain the 1.5 metre physical distance from other people e.g. on a crowded bus or train
- Are you older or do you have other medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes or respiratory illness? People in these groups may get more severe illness if they are infected with COVID-19
- Wearing a face mask will reduce the spread of droplets from your coughs and sneezes to others (however, if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms you should stay home)
- A face mask will not provide you with complete protection from COVID-19. You should also do all of the other things listed below to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What can you do to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Stopping the spread of COVID-19 is everyone's responsibility. The most important things that you can do to protect yourself and others are to:

- Stay at home when you are unwell, with even mild respiratory symptoms
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub
- Do not touch your face
- Do not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the virus
- Stay at least 1.5 metres away from other people (physical distancing)
- Cover your mouth when you cough by coughing into your elbow, or into a tissue. Throw the tissue away immediately.



National Clinical Evidence Taskforce

<https://clinicalevidence.net.au/>

The National Clinical Evidence Taskforce is a multi-disciplinary collaboration of 35 member organisations – Australia’s medical colleges and peak health organisations – who share a commitment to provide national evidence-based treatment guidelines for urgent and emerging diseases.

This alliance established the world’s first ‘living guidelines’ for the care of people with COVID-19 and MPX.

Funding has now been discontinued for the National Clinical Evidence Taskforce and the COVID-19 guidelines as of 30 June 2023.

These guidelines are no longer continually updated but will remain online until the guidance becomes inaccurate and/or no longer reflects the evidence or recommended practice.

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