

Unit Title: Principles Of The Causes And Spread Of Infection In Health Care Settings
Unit Level: Level 2
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This unit has 4 learning outcomes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES		ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	
The learner will:		The learner can:	
1.	Know how infection is caused.	1.1	Define the terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infection colonisation.
		1.2	Explain the terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pathogenic non-pathogenic.
		1.3	Explain the difference between systemic and local infection.
		1.4	Identify infections that may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> systemic localised.
		1.5	Describe the characteristics of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bacteria viruses fungi parasites.
		1.6	State common illnesses caused by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bacteria viruses fungi parasites.
2.	Understand how infection can spread.	2.1	Explain the conditions required for growth of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bacteria viruses fungi parasites.
		2.2	Outline how microorganisms can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enter the body exit the body.
		2.3	Identify common sources of infection.
		2.4	Explain what is meant by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> indirect contact direct contact.
		2.5	Describe what is meant by 'cross infection'.
3.	Understand the 'chain of infection'.	3.1	Outline the links of the 'chain of infection'.
		3.2	Explain why measures are taken to

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			break the chain.
		3.3	Explain the steps that can be taken to break the chain of infection.
4.	Understand the need to recognise Healthcare Associated Infections (HCAI).	4.1	Describe what is meant by the term HCAI in relation to infection control.
		4.2	Identify common types of HCAI.
		4.3	Identify groups most at risk from HCAI.
		4.4	Explain how HCAs are likely to spread in a workplace.
		4.5	Identify the procedures that should be followed to minimise the risk of HCAI.
		4.6	List current sources of information on current HCAI.

Assessment Guidance:
NA

Additional Information:
NA