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The role of the RCN in infection prevention – vision, activity, opportunities

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One chance to get it right

Presentation content

- ➡ About the RCN and my role
- ➡ Where are we currently?
- ➡ Where can the RCN add value?
- ➡ ~~W~~ipe it Outq
- ➡ Being part of the work

Role of the Royal College

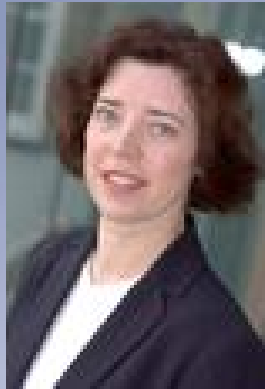
- Representing nurses and nursing
- Promoting excellence in clinical practice
- Shaping health policies

- **Nursing Dept**
- ~~is~~ working to influence, develop and support nursing practice

My role as RCN advisor

- Advise the RCN and members on matters relating to infection prevention
- UK wide position working with needs of devolved nations
- Representing the RCN and nursing at key stakeholder events
- Developing and delivering a strategy for infection prevention
- Working as a member of the Nursing Dept

RCN Nursing dept



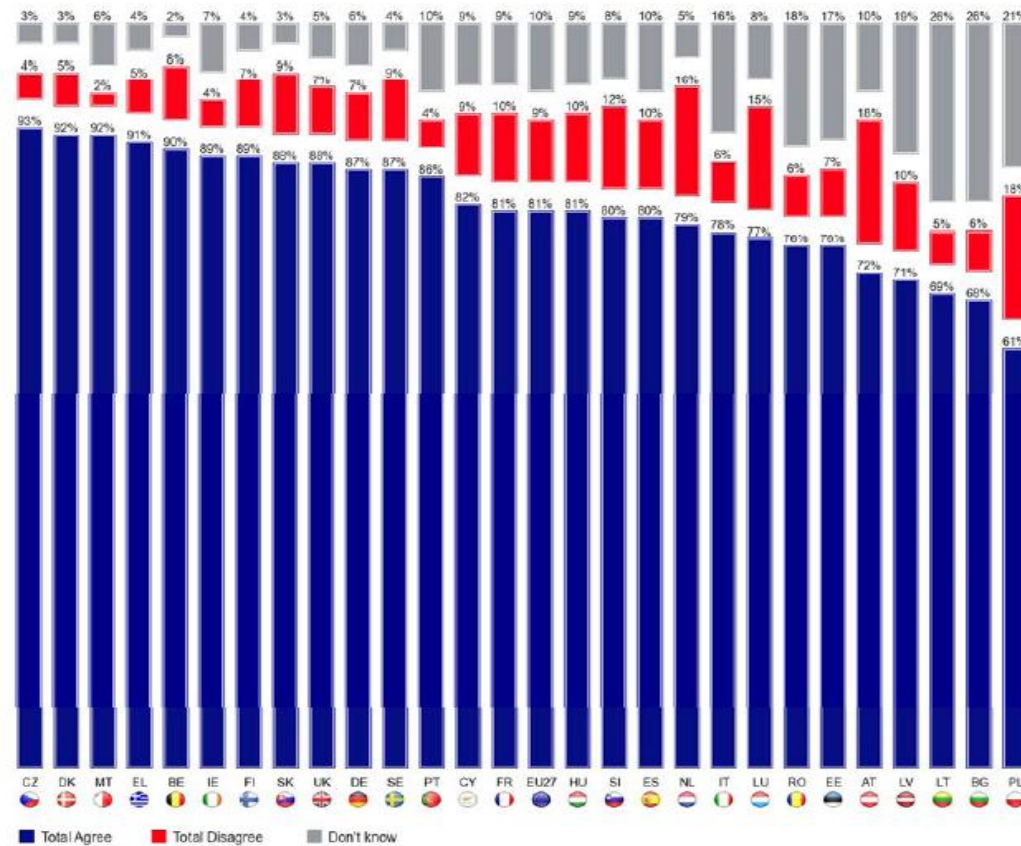
How does it feel out there?

- 👉 Likelihood of experiencing an adverse event:
- 👉 59% likely or fairly likely to get a HCAI
- 👉 58% incorrect or missed diagnosis
- 👉 Women more likely to perceive the likelihood of an adverse event
- 👉 73% say television is their main source of information regarding adverse events

Source: Special Eurobarometer Patient Safety (April 2010)

Eurobarometer Antimicrobial resistance April 2010

QD2b. Please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statement: Everyone has a role to play to ensure that antibiotics remain effective.



What are we trying to achieve?

- Excellence in clinical practice
- A safe environment for patients in which to receive care
- A safe environment in which to work

Clear, consistent messages



Current key challenges

- Anti-microbial resistance (includes antibiotic resistance)
- Need for financial cost savings in NHS
- Moving Infection prevention from ICTs to enable ownership and self management by clinical staff

Putting infection prevention into perspective

The world where we live



- What happens in the UK matters to Europe and the rest of the world and visa versa
- Modern medicine is not possible without effective antimicrobials.

Impact of HCAI



Where the RCN adds value to reducing HCAI's

- Leadership
- Political lobbying
- Working with stakeholders and consultation partners
- Standard setting
- Expert advice
- Professional development and education

The RCN and Infection Prevention

What's it all about? Key drivers for work:

- 👉 What does it mean to nurses and Nursing?
- 👉 Where can the RCN add value?

'Wipe it Out' 2009/10 – our 'umbrella' project

- Seeks to focus beyond MRSA
- Acknowledges the progress made since 2005
- Extended, moves beyond the provision of guidance . not a paper exercise
- Focus on interaction with members and understanding the issue before publishing guidance blindly

Changing the focus

- ➡ One chance to get it right
- ➡ Every action or inaction counts
- ➡ Good enough is the enemy of better

The logo for 'wipe it out' features the words 'wipe it out' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Above the letters 'i', 't', and 'o' are five colored dots: red, green, yellow, light blue, and dark blue. Below the main text, the tagline 'One chance to get it right' is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font.

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Wipe it Out – examples of work streams

- 👉 Glove survey . just completed
- 👉 Updating ~~Best practice~~ guidance for members and developing ~~value~~ guidance where a need and unique opportunity exists
- 👉 Conferences and workshops
- 👉 Congress fringe events
- 👉 Link Nurses
- 👉 Role of the nurse in reducing anti-microbial resistance (guidance)

Helping nurses make decisions



- Current and future economic reality means that grater scrutiny on the benefit of all decisions related to resources including fittings and furnishings must be justified.
- Products must provide good evidence of benefits to both staff and patients

Getting involved with RCN work

- 👉 Nursing Forums
- 👉 IPC network
- 👉 Students
- 👉 HCA\$
- 👉 NICE consultations
- 👉 Activist programmes
- 👉 Health and safety reps



Getting involved with IPC

- ➡ Website . www.rcn.org.uk/ipc
- ➡ Infection prevention network and future development of virtual community
- ➡ For any RCN member with an interest
- ➡ All welcome . sign up if you are interested

And finally...
any questions?

