

PICNet: Terms of Reference

PICNet: Pacific Infection Control Network

Objectives

Within the framework of the PPHSN:

1. To set the minimum standards for infection control in PICTs, with adapted evidence-based/best practices
2. To develop infection control capacity in PICTs.
3. To raising awareness of infection control issues.
4. To develop and maintain infection control links with health (and other) entities (e.g. other governmental and non-governmental agencies, donors).
5. To develop a strategic plan for PICNet.
6. Future objective: To develop and maintain standardized healthcare associated infection (HAI) surveillance and response mechanisms.

Membership

Core

- All health professionals with interest in infection control with 1 national focal point for each SPC member state

Allied

- Health professionals with interest in infection control from Australia and New Zealand
- International organizations: WHO, SPC
- Training institutions, incl. Schools of Nursing, Schools of Medicine, Schools of Oral Health
- Donors

Steering Committee

- WHO (1)
- SPC (1)
- FSMed (1) (yet to be confirmed)
- Six core-member representatives, who volunteered and were nominated at the first technical consultation meeting: from Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Papua-New-Guinea, Samoa and Solomon Islands.

This composition will be subsequently reviewed and adapted to have a subregional representation, like the PPHSN Coordinating Body. A renewal process will also be put in place.

Role:

- Facilitate and monitor the achievements of objectives.
- Maintain records of PICNet meetings/workshops, incl. recommendations and plans of action, and disseminate them to relevant bodies for appropriate action.

Internal communication: e-mail, with meeting or teleconference twice a year

Focal Point

The focal point of PICNet is PPHSN Coordinating Body Focal Point

Role:

- Develop and maintain the network communication with core and allied members and external linkages
- Provide technical assistance in collaboration with other agencies/members

Strategies for Objective 1: To set the minimum standards for infection control in PICTs, with adapted evidence-based/best practices.

- Development of regional infection control guidelines.
- Review guidelines.
- Finalize and adopt guidelines by end September 2006.
- Implement guidelines as appropriate for each PICT.

Strategies for Objective 2: Develop infection control capacity in PICTs.

- Survey PICTs to assess infection control staff capacity and identify training needs.
- Identify, adapt or develop training materials, incl. for distance learning, continuous education unit (CEU), information education and communication (IEC).
- Provide infection control advocacy and training.

Strategies for Objective 3: Raising awareness of infection control issues.

- Raise infection control awareness through general education and media campaigns.

Strategies for Objective 4: Develop and maintain infection control links with health (and other) entities (e.g. other governmental and non-governmental agencies, donors).

- Identify and maintain an updated list of health contacts for each PICT.
- Identify maintain an updated list of contacts of other appropriate entities.
- Develop and maintain PICNet network communications with core and allied members, and external linkages.

Strategies for Objective 5: Develop a strategic plan for PICNet.

- Consultation process by steering committee (or working group reporting to steering committee)
- Development and dissemination of strategic plan document by steering committee (or working group reporting to steering committee)

Strategies for Objective 6: Future Objective: Develop and maintain standardized healthcare associated infection (HAI) surveillance and response mechanisms.

- Select conditions for surveillance
- Secure lab support
- Develop/adapt surveillance and response instruments and protocols

Logo: change into washing hands in the middle and add PIC – Net on top of the eye.

