



INFECTION CONTROL BOOST AT BETHESDA HEALTH CARE

Two staff members at Bethesda Health Care recently undertook additional infection control qualifications through the Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) – the peak body for Infection Prevention and Control professionals in the Australasian region.

Key members of the hospital's Infection Prevention and Control Unit, Nurses Amanda Hill and Leanne McCaskie have completed the inaugural ACIPC Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control course, which is a key component to achieving the ACIPC Primary Credentials (PICP).

Amanda is a key leader in the implementation and delivery of educational opportunities to patients, staff and visitors whilst Leanne has an important role in the implementation, evaluation and education for the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program at Bethesda Health Care. Both Amanda and Leanne achieved High Distinctions throughout the course.

Leanne attended the 5th ACIPC international conference in Melbourne last week where she was presented with her certificate by Professor Ramon Shaban, President of ACIPC and Belinda Henderson, Chair of the Education Committee, ACIPC.

Libby Oakes, Manager Infection Prevention and Control at Bethesda Health Care said 'Bethesda Health Care is committed to providing quality and safe care to our patients and providing a safe environment for our patients, staff and visitors'.

'The commitment of the executive team and clinical leaders at the hospital to the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards has been demonstrated by the support provided to both Amanda and Leanne to enrol and complete the foundations course'.

'We look forward to these staff members passing on their knowledge and experiences with the rest of the staff, and collaborating with other ACIPC qualified personnel in the future'

Deborah Bell, Executive Manager, Clinical and Support Services / Perioperative Services at Bethesda Health Care offered her congratulations to the pair, 'saying that ongoing professional development provided invaluable skills and connections, and their study was in addition to their usual workloads'.

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