



### INFECTION PREVENTION HIGHLIGHTED AT BETHESDA HEALTH CARE

This week is International Infection Prevention Week and the theme is 'Breaking the Chain of Infection'. The aim of this week is to raise awareness of the role Infection Prevention plays to improve patient safety and Bethesda Health Care want to spread this important message.

Libby Oakes, Manager Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) at Bethesda Health Care said that effective 'infection prevention and control is vital to achieve high quality care for patients. This week allows us to share the hospital's initiatives and education with our community –staff, doctors, patients and visitors to the hospital'.

Throughout the week the staff will be receiving infection prevention education via travelling road shows facilitated by the IPC staff in conjunction with key company representatives. There are quizzes with prizes on offer for staff participation.

In the hospital foyer there is a display board providing information brochures and posters aimed at highlighting the importance of Infection Prevention.

Libby and her team have emailed a link to all staff at Bethesda Health Care requesting for them to join them in the hospital's commitment to Infection Prevention and Control by signing the pledge below;

<http://consumers.site.apic.org/get-social-with-apic/preventing-infections-starts-with-me/>

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