

# Letter to the editor

I would like to remind AICA members and others with a (non-commercial) interest in infection control that you can subscribe by e-mail to the Australian infection control listserv. The list is run on behalf of AICA as a service by the Hunter Infection Prevention and Control Unit. The AICA website will soon include instructions about subscription.

Basically, just send me a message at:

<Infconlist@hunter.health.nsw.gov.au>

requesting to join the list with details of your institutional affiliation. Membership of the list is moderated to exclude people without direct professional interests in this area.

The central goal is to foster discussion about infection prevention and control and, through this, strengthen links among the disciplines that are involved in this field. The range of postings to the list is broad and includes:

- notices or reports on infection control matters/issues/meetings/training courses;
- questions about current or proposed infection control practice;
- responses to questions that are posed by others;
- other information that is of interest to the ICP group such as availability of resources etc.

There is no charge for subscribing. Recent discussions have included topics such as duration of VRE carriage, VRE in renal patients, food dyes, Legionella and mixing valves, meningococcal prophylaxis, cleaning of theatre floors and post-discharge surgical site infection surveillance.

There are now over 130 members. Don't be shy; join in and contribute or perhaps just lurk for a while. All contributions are filtered by the moderator before posting, mainly to ensure continuity and sometimes to enable clarification of the message with the contributor prior to posting. Please note that although the service is hosted by a server run by NSW Health, that department is not involved with list moderation and does not take responsibility for the accuracy of postings to the list. I can provide new subscribers with copies of recent postings if required.

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