

# **INFECTION PREVENTION and CONTROL MANUAL**

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### RURAL INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICE GROUP

#### Introduction to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

##### Introduction to the RICPRAC Infection Prevention & Control Manual

This manual has been developed by Victorian Rural Infection Control Practice Group (RICPRAC) to meet an identified need for resources for hospital Infection Control Practitioners when formulating policy and procedures.

##### **RICPRAC**

The Rural Infection Control Practice Group (RICPRAC) is a collaborative network of Infection control consultants with regional responsibilities in the five non metropolitan DHS regions of Victoria, and one representative from DHS.

RICPRAC was formed in June 2001 with the guidance of Department of Human Services Acute and Quality Branch (DHS) representative. Each rural region of Victoria (Barwon, Gippsland, Grampians, Hume and Loddon Mallee) was then represented by two Infection Control Consultants.

Direction and support for the group was provided by the Department of Human Services representative from Acute Health, Quality and Care Continuity Care Unit. The group continues to meet at DHS offices in Melbourne bi-monthly to network, share, standardise and develop common resources including; this manual, pamphlets, audit tools and to coordinate interregional audits and comparatively benchmark audit results.

Guidelines in this manual are evidence based on the most appropriate references, guidelines and standards available at March 2008 (as referenced) however these documents may be subject to change after this date.

The manual was first produced in 2002, a revised second edition was released 2005. Each revision of the manual is undertaken by RICPRAC members. Loddon Mallee region are the project coordinators on behalf of RICPRAC.

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This generic manual has been developed for Health Care Facilities to use and/or implement as appropriate.

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