

The Infection Control Practitioner's Association of Queensland (ICPAQ) was established in 1984 to serve as a forum for sharing knowledge and experience in all aspects of infection prevention and control.

The association encourages membership from all persons with an interest in infection control.

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH US

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INFECTION CONTROL PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC



*Providing a Professional
Profile for Infection Control
in Queensland*

MEMBERSHIP

The Association is a non profit voluntary professional association consisting of individuals who are committed to the development, maintenance and improvement of the principles and practice of infection control through education, communication, research and wherever possible, standardisation.

Our membership is comprised of individuals occupationally or professionally employed in the practice, application, supervision and teaching of infection control. Full and Associate memberships are available.

The administration of ICPAQ is undertaken by a Management Committee. The officers of the Management Committee are members of the association and are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

By joining ICPAQ there are benefits both locally and nationally.

The major local benefits include:

1. **ICPAQ Website** - association information, newsletters, resources and links are provided on the website at www.icpaq.org
2. **ICPAQ Starter Kit** - each new member receives a copy of the ICPAQ Starter Kit, a regularly updated manual designed as a resource for beginning practitioners.
3. **Buddy Program for Regional ICPs** - the program is based on a mentorship concept aimed at supporting new members. A Management Committee officer ('buddy') is allocated to each new member to provide initial support and guidance.

4. **Scholarships** - conference and education/ research scholarships are offered annually to eligible members. Information about the scholarships is available on the ICPAQ website - www.icpaq.org/scholarships.shtml

5. **Education** - each year the Management Committee plans and supports the delivery of education sessions for members. This is always developed with regard for the state-wide nature of the membership.

6. **Meetings** - access to quarterly meetings held centrally in Brisbane. Dates and venues are set at the beginning of each year.

Each meeting incorporates an education session on a current infection control issue. Every meeting is sponsored by medical industry and includes a product display (and refreshments).

In 2006, videoconferencing of meetings was introduced to promote participation from members in rural and remote areas. Videoconferencing facilities are available in Toowoomba, Dalby, Nambour, Maryborough, Rockhampton, St George, Mackay, Townsville and Mt Isa. Additional sites can participate on request.

All members are encouraged to contribute and/or have issues placed on the agenda for discussion at the meetings.

7. **Conference** - ICPAQ hosts a conference every 2 years (alternating with the AICA Biennial Conference). As a member of ICPAQ you are entitled to a discounted registration for the conference. Scholarships are also offered to assist members to attend both AICA and ICPAQ conferences.

8. **Networks** - with members across an area the size of Queensland, a number of local networks operate to allow members to exchange ideas with peers. Networks currently exist in Nambour, Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Wide Bay.

The national benefits include:



MEMBERSHIP OF AICA – *By joining ICPAQ you will automatically become a member of the Australian Infection Control Association (AICA).*

The major benefits of this include:

1. **Journal** - *Healthcare Infection* is the official journal of AICA. Produced quarterly, the journal is peer reviewed and indexed. It is supplied to members at no additional cost.
2. **Biennial Conference** - AICA hosts a national conference every 2 years in one of the States or Territories. As a member of ICPAQ and AICA you are entitled to a discounted registration for the conference.
3. **AICA Website** - Additional information, resources and links are provided for members on the website at www.aica.org.au
4. **AICA Discussion List** – 'AICAlist' is an email discussion list endorsed by AICA, and hosted by the Infection Control Association of South Australia (ICASA). It is designed to allow Australian infection control professionals to discuss, debate and consider infection control issues. More information is available at www.aica.org.au

AICA represents the interests of infection control at the national level through submissions, committee representation, lobbying etc. All member associations have a representative on the AICA Executive Committee which meets monthly.