Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for October 2017.

With only a finite number of CPD days each year, it’s important we make the most of them. GENCA’s Regional Committees put on a terrific program of education and networking throughout the year. For 2017, there are still some education meetings to come, with great opportunities to learn and catch up with other nurses and industry professionals. Registrations are via the GENCA website.

The revised draft Water Quality Standard (project 104466 - AS/NZS4187 Amd2:2017), is now open for public comment. Your feedback is vital to the success of this standard – please make sure you provide comments before they close on 19 December.

We welcome your feedback, contributions and suggestions for improvement regarding the newsletter – these can be sent to our National Office – idm@genca.org

Cathy Conway

President
**Water Quality Standard**

The revised AS4187 Australian/NZ standard (Reprocessing of reusable medical devices in health service organizations), is available for comment on the Australian Standards website until 19 December, 2017.

Please set some time aside to read the Standard and participate by giving your feedback. As GENCA professionals, we encounter the need for the Standard regularly - it’s made available so that all interests are represented. Visit the Australian Standards website to view and comment.

Contact the GENCA National Office by email if you are having difficulty accessing the Standard online: idm@genca.org.

Comments can also be emailed directly to GENCA’s committee representative – Beth Wardle: editor@genca.org.

**NSQHS**

The second edition of the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards will be launched next month.

Guides and workbooks for hospitals and day procedure services will be available in November.

The Commission has also developed nine fact sheets to help health organisations better understand the changes, and identify initial strategies and actions that can be taken to implement them.

To view and download the fact sheets, visit the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care website: https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/assessment-to-the-nsqhs-standards/}

For all enquiries, please contact the GENCA National Office on 1300 788 155 or idm@genca.org

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**Flexible Learning**

It can sometimes be hard finding time for all the CPD needed each year. However, it’s essential. In response to calls from members for flexible and online learning, we now have two options for members to participate:

1) **e-Learning modules**

e-Learning modules can be accessed at the time that best suits you – just register and go! There are two modules available, with more scheduled for release in 2018.

- Gastrostomy Guidelines: Pre-Insertion & Gastrostomy Guidelines, and
- Acute Hospital Care

Partnering with Medtronic, it’s easy to register for these free modules, and they’re free.

For more information or to register, visit the GENCA website: http://www.genca.org/education/e-learning-modules/

2) **Webinar – final for 2017**

Webinars are available exclusively to GENCA members. You will receive one CPD point and an attendance certificate for each webinar attended.

The November webinar will be delivered by Dr. Greg Whiteley, Adjunct Professor with the School of Medicine at Western Sydney University.

Greg has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health) and has recently completed a PhD examining the use and validation of ATP testing, used for cleanliness monitoring within healthcare settings.

With the Water Quality Requirements for Endoscopy departments (under standard AS/NZS 4187:2014) currently under review and available for comment, this webinar will
provide information on the steps you can take to work towards compliance with the new standards. This webinars aim is to give Endoscopy staff an understanding of:

- The impact of biofilms on failure of High Level Disinfection or Sterilisation and the importance of biofilms in cleaning failure
- The appropriate test methods for validation of cleaning claims
- Appropriate methods for cleaning validation and endoscope hygiene monitoring.

14 November | Tuesday | 7pm AEDT
Presenter: Greg Whiteley
Topic: Wet Biofilms and Endoscope Test Methods

Register now for the final 2017 webinar on the GENCA website: https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/

What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the coming weeks:

**NSW**
18 November | Full day education meeting | North Sydney
25 November | Fundamentals workshop | North Sydney

**South Australia**
28 October | Full day education meeting | Mt Gambier
29 November | Full day education meeting | West Lakes

**Western Australia**
30 October | Evening meeting | Subiaco

For a full listing of upcoming events or to register for meetings and workshops visit the GENCA website – https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/

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