

## New Strategies to Monitor and Control Infections, Antibiotic Use and Resistance

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In association with the Belgian Presidency of the EU a three-day meeting of experts (plenary session and 4 workshops) has been organised. The objective is to discuss various issues such as national hand cleanliness campaigns, quality indicators with regard to antibiotics policy and infection control, point prevalence studies (PPS) on hospital infections and the use of antibiotics in hospitals, residential homes and care homes.

### Programme

08/11/2010: Plenary session and presentation of the workshops

09/11/2010: 4 workshops

- 1. How to begin, how to implement and how to sustain a national hand hygiene campaign:** exchange of experience in setting up national hand cleanliness campaigns, identifying the strengths and weaknesses of proposed campaigns and drafting a list of key elements for the success of such campaigns;
- 2. Indicators of hospital infection control and antimicrobial management:** discussion of the need for reliable quality indicators for hospital infection control and antibiotic policy, a common (ECDC – Belgian presidency) publication presenting indicators and a critical overview of existing experience with public reporting;
- 3. To roll out a common European methodology for PPS of HAI and antimicrobial use in acute care hospital:** discussion of the results of the pilot phase of the European point prevalence study and launch of a real study;
- 4. The European methodology for PPS of HAI and antimicrobial use in long term care facilities:** review of existing structures and programmes to control infection and antibiotic policy in homes and care centres in Europe, establishing a European framework of minimum safety requirements for European homes and care centres.

10/11/2010: Plenary session and conclusions of the workshops

### Hours

from 8.30 am till 8.00 pm

### Location

Hotel Sheraton

Place Rogier, 3

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