



# On the Radar

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## Reports

*Insulin: supporting safe self-administration for patients in the community with a disability*

Investigation report

Health Services Safety Investigation Body

Poole: HSSIB; 2026.

DOI	<a href="https://www.hssib.org.uk/patient-safety-investigations/insulin-supporting-safe-self-administration-in-vulnerable-patient-groups-in-the-community/second-investigation-report/">https://www.hssib.org.uk/patient-safety-investigations/insulin-supporting-safe-self-administration-in-vulnerable-patient-groups-in-the-community/second-investigation-report/</a>
Notes	<p>The latest investigation report from the Health Services Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB) in the UK examines the safe use of insulin in the community. This is the second ‘in a series considering the self-administration of insulin by people with diabetes mellitus (diabetes) in community settings. Each report in the series focuses on specific groups of people who, due to their circumstances, may be at increased risk of harm because of the way they self-administer insulin.’ This report focuses on diabetic adults who use insulin and ‘who have not been supported to self-manage (including self-administer) insulin as intended alongside a disability or impairment’.</p> <p>This investigation ‘explored the following areas in relation to the patient safety issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• supporting the development of people’s competency – that is, their skills, experience, knowledge and ability – to manage insulin</li><li>• recognising and responding when people’s circumstances change, such as deterioration in a disability</li><li>• assessment of people’s mental capacity to make decisions in relation to insulin.’</li></ul> <p>The report includes findings, safety recommendations, observations and learnings that are applicable at various levels.</p>

For information on the Commission’s work on high-risk medicines resources including safer prescribing, dispensing and use of insulin, see [High risk medicines and systems | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#)

The National Medicines Symposium 2025 focused on the Quality use of medicines in people with diabetes. Resources from the National Medicines Symposium and recordings of the sessions are available at <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/clinical-topics/medicines-safety-and-quality/national-medicines-symposium>

*Temperature monitoring during newborn cooling practice*  
 Briefing Paper  
 Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations  
 London: MNSI; 2026. p. 5.

*Nitrous oxide decommissioning*  
 Safety spotlight  
 Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigations  
 London: MNSI; 2026.

DOI	Newborn cooling practices <a href="https://www.mnsi.org.uk/publications/briefing-paper-newborn-cooling-practices/">https://www.mnsi.org.uk/publications/briefing-paper-newborn-cooling-practices/</a> Nitrous oxide <a href="https://www.mnsi.org.uk/publications/safety-spotlight-nitrous-oxide/">https://www.mnsi.org.uk/publications/safety-spotlight-nitrous-oxide/</a>
Notes	The Maternity & Newborn Safety Investigation (MNSI) agency in the UK has published two brief documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A briefing paper based on 20 investigations that highlighted ‘national guidance on continuous temperature monitoring during cooling was not followed in half of cases’.</li> <li>• A safety spotlight that ‘shares what we found regarding nitrous oxide decommissioning and offers prompts to help providers keep staff informed and equipment checks consistent.’</li> </ul>

*Emergency ready primary health care framework*  
 World Health Organization  
 Geneva: WHO; 2026. p. 72.

*WHO consolidated guidelines for the management of common childhood illness: Management of asthma in children and adolescents and bronchiolitis in infants and young children*  
 World Health Organization  
 Geneva: WHO; 2026. p. 107.

DOI	Emergency ready primary health care framework <a href="https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/B09750">https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/B09750</a> WHO consolidated guidelines for the management of common childhood illness
Notes	The World Health Organization has recently published a number of documents, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Emergency ready primary health care framework</i> – This framework ‘presents a comprehensive, all-hazards approach to embedding emergency readiness within routine primary health care systems.’ The framework defines the core capacities required for emergency ready PHC. The accompanying <a href="#">Emergency ready primary health care operational guide</a> ‘translates them into practical, adaptable steps for countries to contextualize, prioritize and implement according to their governance structures, risks and resources.’</li> <li>• <i>WHO consolidated guidelines for the management of common childhood illness: Management of asthma in children and adolescents and bronchiolitis in infants and young children</i> – ‘This document presents consolidated World Health Organization guidelines addressing the management of asthma in children and adolescents and bronchiolitis in infants and young children, two of the most common causes of paediatric respiratory illness and wheezing presentations.’</li> </ul>

## Journal articles

*BMJ Quality & Safety*

Volume 35, Issue 6, June 2026

URL	<a href="https://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/35/6">https://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/35/6</a>
Notes	<p>A new issue of <i>BMJ Quality &amp; Safety</i> has been published. Many of the papers in this issue have been referred to in previous editions of <i>On the Radar</i> (when they were released online). Articles in this issue of <i>BMJ Quality &amp; Safety</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Editorial: Are we careless about <b>continuity of care?</b> (Persijn Honkoop, Marco Krukerink)</li> <li>• Editorial: From measurement to improvement: new evidence towards reducing <b>emergency diagnosis of cancer</b> (Marta Berglund, Matthew E Barclay, Georgios Lyratzopoulos)</li> <li>• Less continuity with more complaints: a repeated cross-sectional study of the association between relational <b>continuity of care and patient complaints</b> in English general practice (Jinyang Chen, Panos Kasteridis, Zecharias Anteneh, Sheila Greenfield, F Scheibl, K Sterniczuk, B H Willis, I Williams, T Marshall)</li> <li>• Digital quality measure of <b>potentially avoidable emergency presentations</b> among patients with colorectal cancer (Natalia Khalaf, Basim Ali, Andrew Zimolzak, Yan Liu, Li Wei, Fasiha Kanwal, Hardeep Singh)</li> <li>• Regulating <b>voluntary assisted dying</b> at the clinical coalface: a qualitative interview study in Victoria, Australia (C M Haining, L Willmott, B P White)</li> <li>• Metrics used in quality improvement publications addressing <b>environmental sustainability in healthcare</b>: a scoping review (Colin Sue-Chue-Lam, Sezgi Yanikomeroğlu, D Baginskis, D M Hamad, B M Wong, N Simms, K B Born)</li> <li>• Patient safety measures for <b>virtual consultations in primary care</b>: a systematic review (Tetiana Lunova, Katherine-Helen Hurndall, Ulrik Bak Kirk, Bryony Dean Franklin, Ara Darzi, Ana Luisa Neves)</li> <li>• Retrospective validation study of a <b>large language model approach to screening</b> for intraabdominal surgical site infections for quality and safety reporting (Logan Pierce, Christy Pak, Kim Stanley, Lusha Wang, Caroline Erickson, Deborah S Yokoe, Elizabeth Wick)</li> <li>• Tailoring improvement to the <b>evidence-practice relationship</b> (R Howard)</li> <li>• <b>Lucian Leape's legacy</b> for patient safety (Atul A Gawande)</li> </ul>

URL	<a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/health-policy/vol/170/">https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/health-policy/vol/170/</a>
Notes	<p>A new issue of <i>Health Policy</i> has been published. Articles in this issue of <i>Health Policy</i> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Violence against healthcare workers</b> as a signal of health system strain: Implications for health policy and governance (Laurent Boyer, Martin Postzich, P-M Llorca, V Pauly, S Zhang, J Blanc, B Boussat, A Duclos)</li> <li>• <b>Paying family carers</b> requires a fit-for-purpose instrument: Lessons from Switzerland (Armin Gemperli)</li> <li>• <b>Healthcare reforms in the United Arab Emirates</b> from 2017 to 2024: A systematic review on progress and strategic priorities (Yufei Gu, Erik Koornneef, Khalid A Alnaqbi)</li> <li>• <b>The second Trump presidency</b>: Health care themes, policies, and impacts in his first year back in office (T Rice, L Y Unruh, A J Barnes, E Richardson)</li> <li>• <b>Gender concordance</b> and its association with communication and the doctor-patient relationship: a systematic review (Cecilia Maria Esposito, Cristina Bizzotto, Roberta Gualtierotti, Giuseppe Delvecchio, C Bressi, P Brambilla)</li> <li>• <b>General practitioners' incentives and practice style</b>: A descriptive registry study of earnings variation in Norway (Kristian B Kraft, Mari Grøslund, Eivor H Hoff, Arnstein Mykletun, Kristian Østby)</li> <li>• <b>Deeming Doesn't Deliver</b>: Reliance on foreign regulators targets the wrong stage of <b>Canadian drug access</b> (Daniel Eisenkraft Klein, A S Kesselheim)</li> </ul>

*BMJ Quality & Safety* online first articles

URL	<a href="https://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/recent">https://qualitysafety.bmj.com/content/early/recent</a>
Notes	<p><i>BMJ Quality &amp; Safety</i> has published a number of 'online first' articles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Editorial: Operationalising 'what matters'—will we ever find a way to <b>patient-centred care</b>? (Margaret Schwarze, Kate Telma, Lauren J Taylor)</li> </ul>

*International Journal for Quality in Health Care* online first articles

URL	<a href="https://academic.oup.com/intqhc/advance-articles">https://academic.oup.com/intqhc/advance-articles</a>
Notes	<p><i>International Journal for Quality in Health Care</i> has published a number of 'online first' articles, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costs of <b>canceled surgeries</b>. What to do about them? (Soo-Hoon Lee, Siobhán E McCarthy, Poonam Gupta, Phillip Phan)</li> <li>• How Can the <b>Greece National Strategy for Quality of Care and Patient Safety</b> be Taken Forward? (Immaculate S Tenza, H Saleh, R G Greenhill)</li> <li>• <b>Pharmacist-led continuity of care interventions</b> for patients receiving oral anticancer therapy: a systematic review and meta-analysis (Ting Liu, Xingyu Long, Junhao Luo, Qing Wang, Jie Xiao, Zhaojian Wang, Lin Wang, Wenzheng Xie, Ke Sai, Wenhui Zhang, Ping Xu)</li> <li>• Evaluating the Effectiveness of the <b>"Patient Transport" App</b> in Improving Healthcare Quality, Patient Safety, and Workflow Efficiency (Ye-Eun Park, Sunghwan Ji, Hee-Won Jung, Youn-Jung Kim, Jae-Ho Lee, Yura Lee)</li> </ul>

## Online resources

### *Australian Living Evidence Collaboration*

<https://livingevidence.org.au/>

### **Guidance**

A number of guidelines or guidance have recently been published or updated These include:

- *Australian Consensus Statement on the **Prevention and Management of Frailty Among Community-Dwelling Older Adults: A Modified Delphi Study***  
Chopra S, Tornvall I, Reid N, Whiting E, Hilmer SN, Job J, et al  
Medical Journal of Australia. 2026;224(5):e70182.  
<https://doi.org/10.5694/mja2.70182>

### *Making health care decisions for others: A guide for substitute decision-makers*

<https://ellc.edu.au/>

This [resource](#) has been developed by the End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC), a National Palliative Care Project funded by the Australian Department of Health, Disability and Ageing. This is a guide for families and substitute decision-makers on how to make health care decisions for someone else at end of life.

### *[UK] NICE Guidelines and Quality Standards*

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance>

The UK's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published new (or updated) guidelines and quality standards The latest reviews or updates include:

- NICE Review NR3 *UK Achondroplasia Network's consensus guideline for multidisciplinary **care of children and young people with achondroplasia: NICE review***  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/nr3>

### *[USA] Effective Health Care Program reports*

<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/>


The US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has an Effective Health Care (EHC) Program. The EHC has released the following final reports and updates:

- *Mindfulness-Based Interventions for **Well-Being and Mental Health in Children and Adolescents: Systematic review*** [https://doi.org/10.23970/AHRQEPC\\_SR\\_MINDFULNESS](https://doi.org/10.23970/AHRQEPC_SR_MINDFULNESS)

## Infection prevention and control resources

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care has developed a number of resources to assist healthcare organisations, facilities and clinicians. These resources include:

- **Poster – Combined contact and droplet precautions**  
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/infection-prevention-and-control-poster-combined-contact-and-droplet-precautions>








# VISITOR RESTRICTIONS MAY BE IN PLACE

For all staff










## Combined contact & droplet precautions\*

in addition to standard precautions

**Before entering room/care zone**

-  **1** Perform hand hygiene
-  **2** Put on gown
-  **3** Put on surgical mask
-  **4** Put on protective eyewear
-  **5** Wear gloves, in accordance with standard precautions

**At doorway prior to leaving room/care zone**

-  **1** Remove and dispose of gloves if worn
-  **2** Perform hand hygiene
-  **3** Remove and dispose of gown
-  **4** Perform hand hygiene
-  **5** Remove protective eyewear
-  **6** Perform hand hygiene
-  **7** Remove and dispose of mask
-  **8** Leave the room/care zone
-  **9** Perform hand hygiene

**What else can you do to stop the spread of infections?**

- Always change gloves and perform hand hygiene between different care activities and when gloves become soiled to prevent cross contamination of body sites
- Consider patient placement
- Minimise patient movement

\*e.g. Acute respiratory tract infection with unknown aetiology, seasonal influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

For more detail, refer to the Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare and your state and territory guidance.

- *Poster – Combined airborne and contact precautions*  
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/infection-prevention-and-control-poster-combined-airborne-and-contact-precautions>

**VISITOR RESTRICTIONS MAY BE IN PLACE**

For all staff

## Combined airborne & contact precautions

In addition to standard precautions

**Before entering room/care zone**

- 1

**Perform hand hygiene**
- 2

**Put on gown**
- 3

**Put on a particulate respirator (e.g. P2/N95) and perform fit check**
- 4

**Put on protective eyewear**
- 5

**Wear gloves in accordance with standard precautions**

**What else can you do to stop the spread of infections?**

- Always change gloves and perform hand hygiene between different care activities and when gloves become soiled to prevent cross contamination of body sites
- Consider patient placement
- Minimise patient movement

**At doorway prior to leaving room/care zone**

- 1

**Remove and dispose of gloves if worn**
- 2

**Perform hand hygiene**
- 3

**Remove and dispose of gown**
- 4

**Leave the room/care zone**
- 5

**Perform hand hygiene (in an anteroom/outside the room/care zone)**
- 6

**Remove protective eyewear (in an anteroom/outside the room/care zone)**
- 7

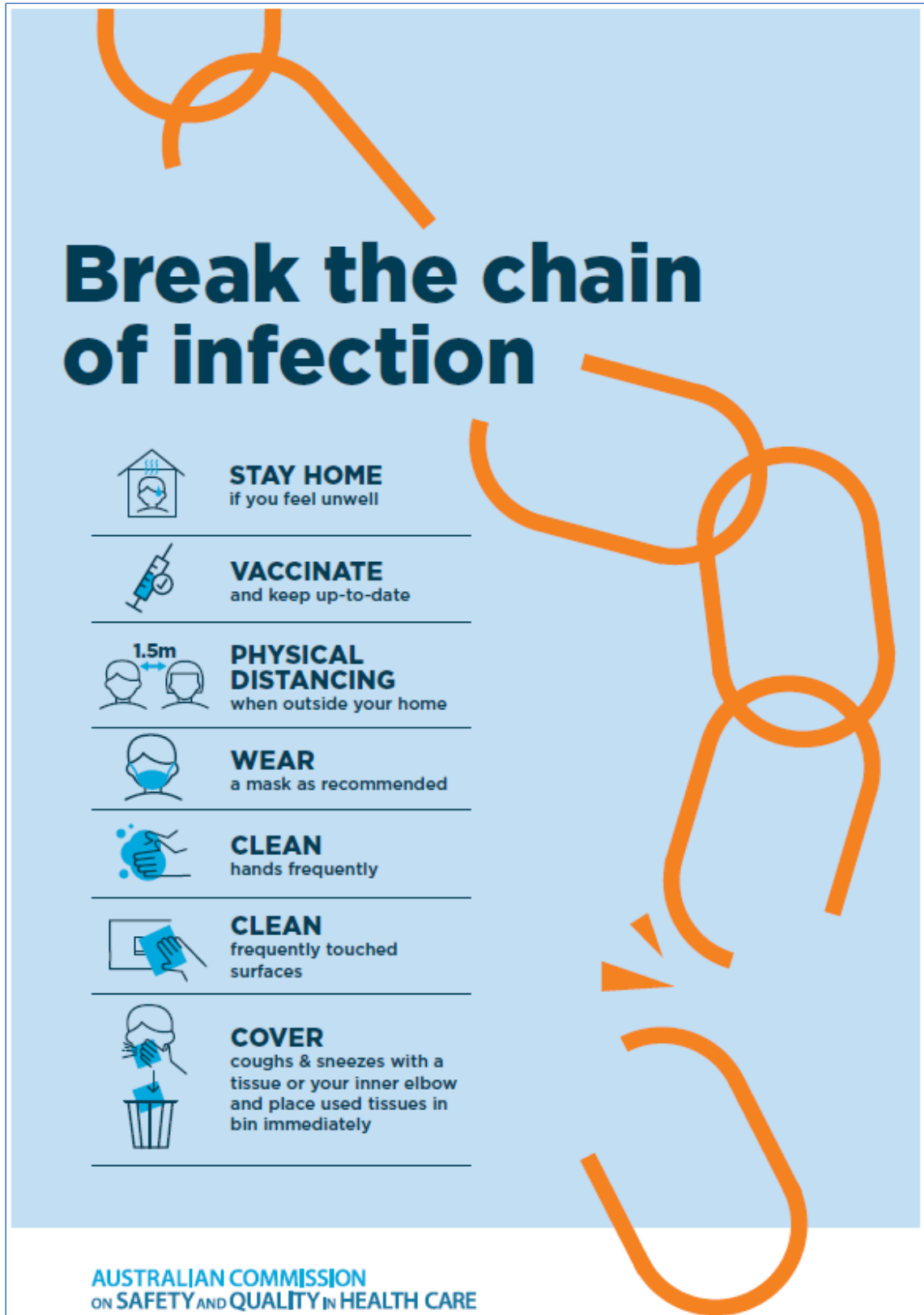
**Perform hand hygiene (in an anteroom/outside the room/care zone)**
- 8

**Remove and dispose of particulate respirator (in an anteroom/outside the room/care zone)**
- 9

**Perform hand hygiene**

KEEP DOOR CLOSED AT ALL TIMES

- *Environmental Cleaning and Infection Prevention and Control*  
[www.safetyandquality.gov.au/environmental-cleaning](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/environmental-cleaning)
- *Break the chain of infection* poster  
<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-and-resources/resource-library/break-chain-infection-poster>



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