14. Reports and publications

Peer review journals


Conference presentations

Heinrich-Morrison K. Public health follow-up of vaccine preventable diseases. Immunisation Nurses Special Interest Group Seminar; May 2005; Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Mildenhall T, O’Donnell H. Camp outbreak management. Australian Institute of Environmental Health State Conference; August 2005; Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

Moran R. Influenza pandemic planning. Australian Institute of Environmental Health State Conference; August 2005; Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.


Tiong ACD, Vu T, Lambert S, Counahan M, Tallis G. Occupationally acquired pneumonia in a commercial poultry farm in rural Australia. Master of Applied Epidemiology Conference; March 2005; The Australian National University, Australian Capital Territory, Australia.

Tiong ACD, Clothier H, Patel M. Will the Victorian Influenza Surveillance System provide an effective early warning of epidemic or pandemic influenza? Communicable Diseases Control Conference; May 2005; Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Communicable diseases training programs/workshops

Seasonal/avian/pandemic influenza

Presentations were given throughout the state to a range of audiences including local government, industry groups, general practitioners, health facilities, and essential services.

Gastroenteritis investigation training for environmental health officers

Two 2-day courses were conducted for local government Environmental Health Officers on investigating sporadic cases and outbreaks of gastroenteritis. Staff of OzFoodNet and the ESAC team were involved in the development and delivery of this training program.

Mosquito identification & control training course

The department undertook its annual training program for mosquito identification and control in Swan Hill in November 2004. The department has been running these training courses since 1974. The course is open to any employee of council who may deal with issues relating to mosquitoes so that the necessary skills and expertise to investigate and control local problems can be gained. Other groups, such as the Australian Army, also regularly send participants.

Twenty-four participants attended the 2004 course including six officers from South Australia and two from New South Wales. The course addressed the following key areas: public health and mosquitoes, monitoring of breeding sites, species identification, biological and chemical control, environmental management/modification, occupational health and safety and education strategies.

Infection control training

Training was provided to various groups including aged care staff, hospitals staff, environmental health officers and business owners.
15. Resources

Infectious Diseases Epidemiology & Surveillance (IDEAS)
Aimed at health professionals, the IDEAS website provides information on the prevention and control of infectious diseases, regulations and guidelines, surveillance of infectious diseases and notification procedures. Information about immunisation is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation.

Better Health Channel
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
The Better Health Channel provides the community with access to online health related information which is quality assured, reliable, up-to-date and locally relevant.

Health Translations Directory
www.healthtranslations.vic.gov.au
The Health Translations Directory provides access to translated health information available online.

Clinicians Health Channel
Provides access to critical knowledge bases for clinicians in the public health care sector in metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria. This includes the electronic dissemination of information and access to various electronic resources such as citation databases, drug and prescribing information and clinical guidelines.