### Knowing how to act in a situation: the French approach of ICP core competencies

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# Programme for HAI prevention Historical landmarks in France since 1990



- Local IC team and committee in each public hospital
- Regional centres for IC (C-CLIN)
- National IC programme (MoH and public health national agency) implementing:
  - point-prevalence survey / 5 years
  - targeted surveillance networks (voluntary basis) : MDRO, SSI, ICU, ...
  - guidelines for prevention (100 Reco)
  - audits of IC practices
- But ...

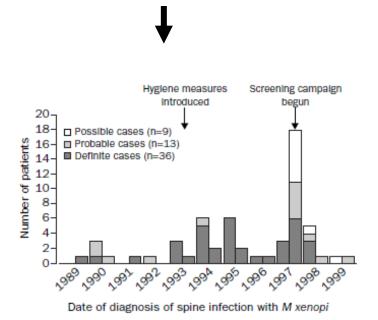
#### The turning point: the patients/public empowerment in 2000's



Mycobacterium xenopi spinal infections after discovertebral surgery: investigation and screening of a large outbreak



\* Lancet 2001



No IC committee/team





#### **Patients**



#### **Mandatory IC** committee

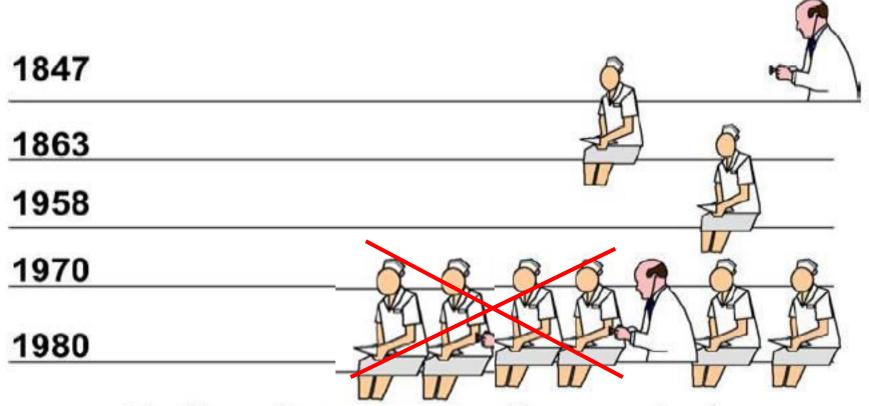
#### **Annual** public reporting



#### **Understaffing ICP in France**



Requirement: post-graduate diploma in IC, depending on core competencies in each university (no national CC)

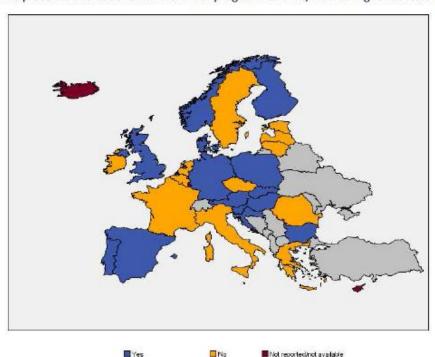


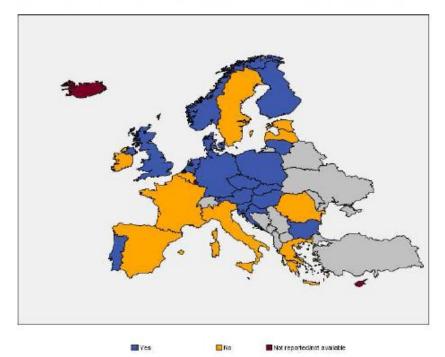
Earlier steps in infection control

# Training IC in Europe – TRICE National curriculum for training ICP, 2014



The presence of a national curriculum or programme for IC/HH training for doctors i The presence of a national curriculum or programme for IC/HH training for nurses in 2014 (30 countries).









#### Core competencies previously available

- Ministry of health: hospital nurses, biologists
- French pharmacist association









### French IC programme (PROPIAS) Since 2015 ...



- Promote training of professionals and patients to IC
- Define the role and activity of the ICP based on a reference guidelines with the stakeholders (french Society for IC, experts, ...)

# ICP Need for adaptation to new challenges



- Global approach for patient safety and patient empowerment
- Emerging AMR
- New technologies in healthcare
- Big data sources
- Development of ambulatory cares
- Ongoing changes in hospital management
- Limitations of financial resources





#### Goals of the CC guidelines

**Professional references and competencies** 

- To highlight the role of ICP in the healthcare community
- To be a reference for doctors, nurses and scientists
- To better define skills and limits of IC regarding the other HC risks
- To encourage junior professionals for training
- To better evaluate needs vs. resources allocations

#### **Methods**



- Expert group (n=10)
- Help of a methodologist (M. Le Boterf)
- Selection of key situations (KS) in IC activity
- Describe each situation: process and steps, how to act at each step, expected results
- Identify factors that could influence the professional activity over time
- Determine resources needed
- External reviewing and validation

#### **Key situations**



- KS1: Investigating an outbreak
- KS2: Managing a case notification
- KS3: Implementing a surveillance system
- KS4: Building a guidelines for HAI prevention
- KS5: Implementing AMR prevention programme
- KS6: Implementing healthcare practices evaluation or audit
- KS7: Implementing prevention for environmental risk
- KS8: Councelling decision makers for construction and equipment projects
- KS9: Managing training activity for professionals



#### Resources needed for how-to-act

#### • Knowledge in:

- science
- methodology
- occupational context

#### Know-how in:

- methodology and technics
- management
- human relationships

### Ex: Investigating an HAI outbreak (KS1) Knowledges



#### **Scientific**

Methodology ab-technics for isolated page.

Microbiology
Physiopathology
Epidemiology (HAI transmission, reservoir, vehicles, ...)
Infection control measures
Socio-economic aspects

Lab-technics for isolated pathogens
Outbreak management steps
Descriptive and analytic epidemiology
Care practice and CP assessment
Route cause analysis and feedback
Effective preventive measures

#### Occupational context

Experts and expertise networks
Alert and notification systems
Principles of early-warning surveillance
Local epidemiology, HC facilities and IC organization
and socio-economical context





#### **Methodology and technics**

Validate a HAI diagnosis Use tools of epidemiology Use hospital information system Assess care practices Analyze patient healthcare circuit Perform descriptive analysis Explain preventive measures Perform route cause analysis Set up a priority prevention plan Assess environmental risks Perform environmental samplings Use a risk/cost-benefit analysis

#### **Management**

Write a summary note
Manage a multiprofessional meeting
Manage a feedback reporting
Communicate results to targeted groups

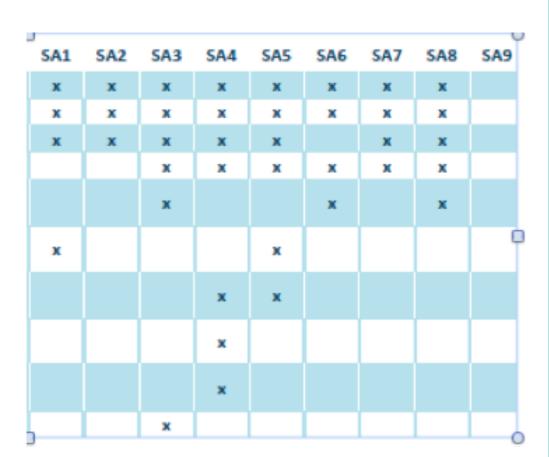
#### **Human relationships**

Establish trustfull relationship with HCW Convince for applying an ICP decision Manage a crisis group

#### Resources for know-how in management



- To manage a multi-professional meeting
- To manage feedback reporting
- To write a summary note
- To develop project initiatives
- To communicate widely results in a comprehensive way
- To communicate results to target groups
- To ensure leadership in IC activity
- To set up communication tools that fit to specific populations
- To organize promotion campaign to specific populations
- To foster network activity





#### Resources for know-how in human relationship

- To establish a trustful relationship with professionals, stakeholders, patients
- To convince for applying an IC programme decision and implementation
- To listen the point of view of other partners
- To ask for external expertise when needed
- To set up an ongoing support with HC pro.
- To manage a crisis group
- To make a mediation among stakeholders
- To make councelling with decision makers

To monitore and communicate with good teaching skills

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# SF<sub>2</sub>H Risque infectieux et soin

#### **Conclusion**

- Methodology criteria for profesionnal ICP competencies to be shared among countries
- Good opportunity to improve the ICP training programme initiatives (doctors, nurses, patients, ...)
- Enhancement of IC attractivity for junior colleagues
- Limitations: human and financial resources in healthcare settings

# ICP competencies To be or not to be...









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