How can I help reduce healthcare associated infections?

Infection control is important to the well-being of our patients and for that reason we have infection control procedures in place. Keeping your hands clean is an effective way of preventing the spread of infections. We ask that you, and anyone visiting you, use the hand sanitiser available at the entrance to every ward before coming in to or after leaving the ward. In some situations hands may need to be washed at the sink using soap and water rather than using the hand sanitiser. Staff will let you know if this is the case.

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Comments, Concerns and Complaints
If you have any compliments, comments or complaints please tell a member of staff involved in your care at the time. If you prefer to talk to someone who is not involved in your care, please contact patient and liaison service (PALS) on:
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What is a McKinley T34 Syringe Pump?
It is a small battery operated, portable pump. It allows health professionals to give medications continuously over a 24 hour period.

Why do I need one?
The syringe pump can be used to help control your symptoms; such as pain, sickness or medicines to help you relax. A syringe pump can be used at any stage in your illness; it can be reversed and discontinued if no longer required. It can be used if you are having problems swallowing medications, being sick to provide better control of your symptoms.

How does it work?
The nursing staff will insert a small needle under the skin which is connected to a tube into the syringe driver which will deliver your medications. The syringe driver will be renewed every 24 hours.

Who will look after it?
The nursing team will check the pump regularly and ensure it is working correctly. If the pump alarms then do not worry; let your nursing team know and someone will review it as soon as possible. Please do not do anything to the pump or press any of the buttons on the control panel yourself before speaking to the medical team.

Tips for care of the pump:
- The pump comes with a small case which as you mobilise will be handy to use to carry the pump in.
- Do not leave the pump in heat or bright sunlight.
- When sitting, please ensure the pump is resting on a flat surface next to you. The pump shouldn't be higher than the insertion site of the needle.
- Do not get the pump wet, if you would like to have a shower or bath please discuss with the nursing team who will assist you.
- Do not drop the pump.

Please do contact the nursing team if you are worried about any of the following:
- The pump is not working properly or has become damaged.
- The colour of the medications has changed or appears cloudy in the syringe.
- The skin around the needle insertion site becomes red, inflamed or painful.
- The alarm sounds.
- Any concerns about the pump or the contents of the syringe.