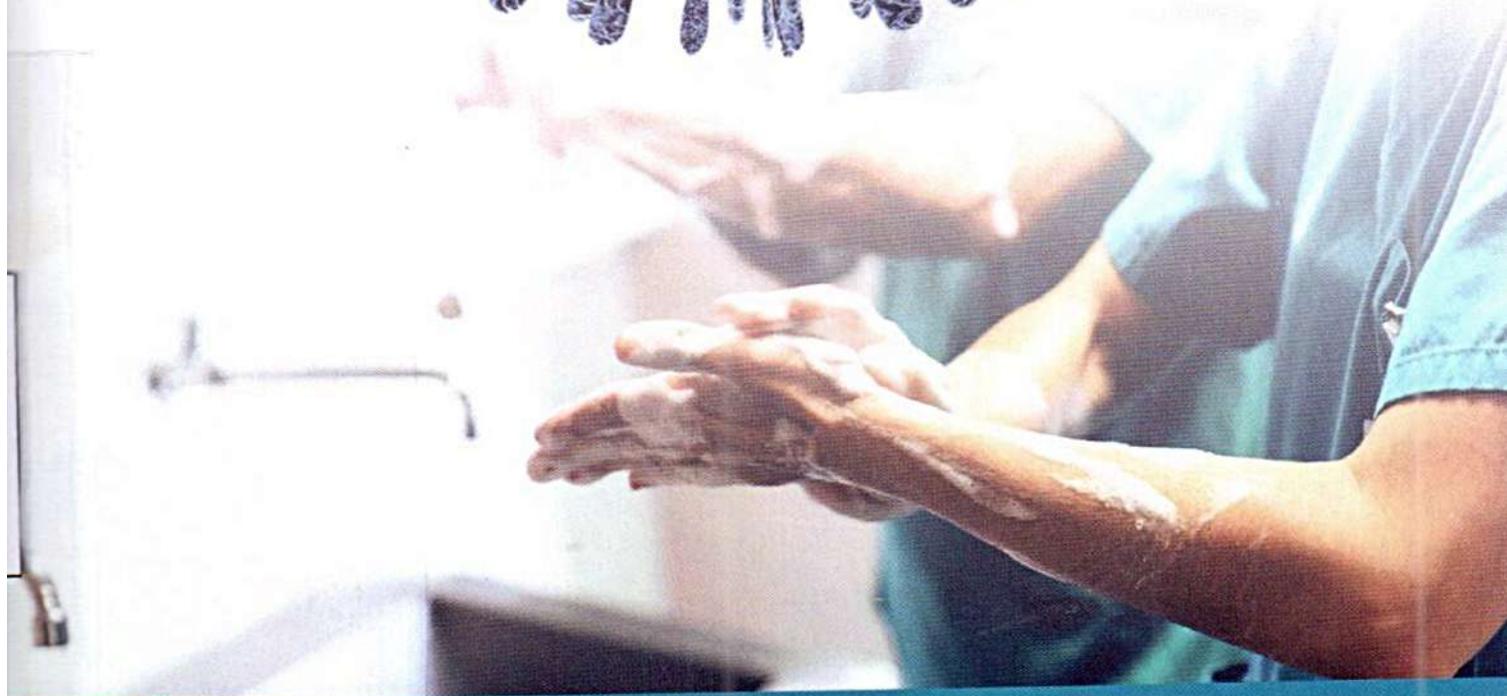
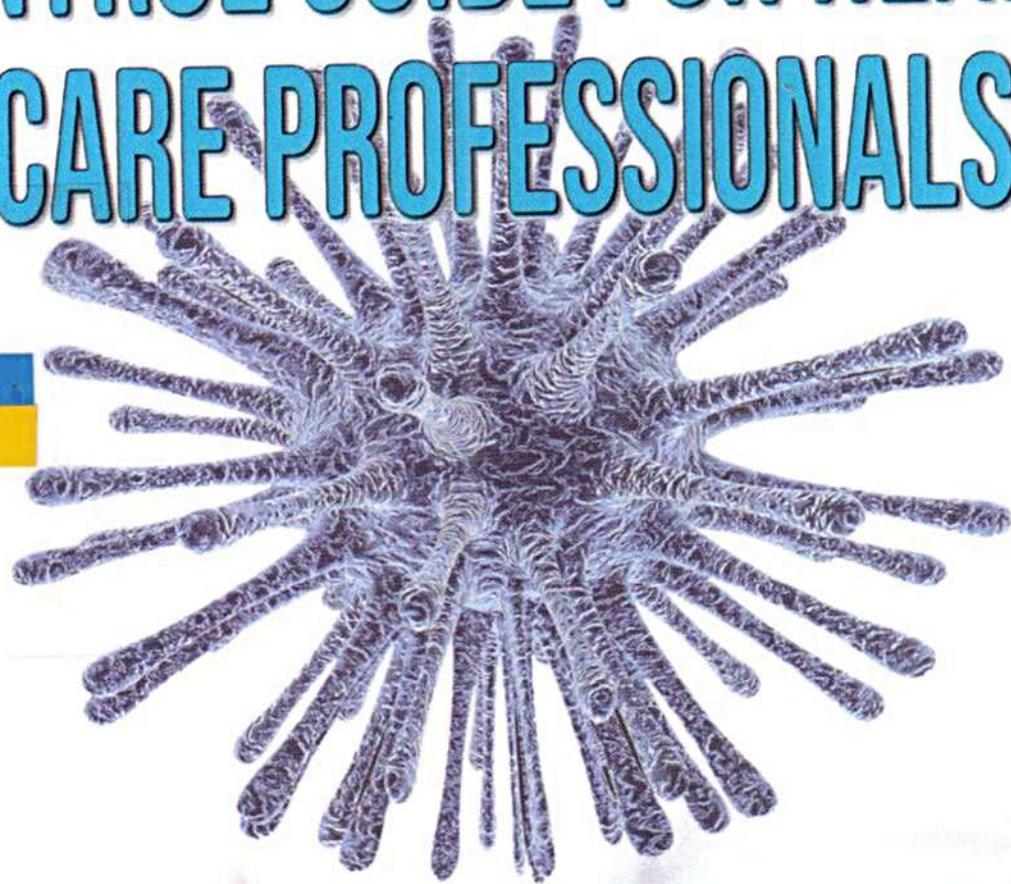


# **INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL GUIDE FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**



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**H**ealth care providers have a legal and ethical duty for the care of their patients and are required, therefore, to provide care in a safe way and a harm-free environment. The field of infection prevention and control is characterized by guidelines and standards, and failure to comply with recommended guidelines will mean a failure to meet the appropriate standard of care. Despite the need and relevance of infection prevention and control in quality patient care, the day-to-day application can easily be overlooked or missed by health care professionals partly because of gaps in their knowledge, negligence or busy shifts. Continuous education and training can, therefore, reawaken awareness and improve compliance. This book seeks to provide a ready reference to health care professionals on how to enhance their infection control practice. Contained within the book is an introduction to infections including healthcare-associated infections and multidrug-resistant organisms, how they are transmitted, methods to control the spread, epidemiology, surveillance, antimicrobial resistance, antimicrobial stewardship, standard precautions, transmission-based precautions, asepsis, the environment of care, decontamination and equipment reprocessing. I encourage all health care professionals to take advantage of this professional development opportunity to enhance their competency and improve patient care.

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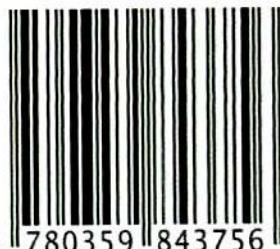
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