

NEWSFLASH!! ALL PMA COURSES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN UPGRADED FROM NQF 2 TO NQF 4 LEVEL!



## Insect Control in Medical Facilities



### Good practice for insect control in medical facilities

Special concerns when treating hospitals, nursing homes, and other medical facilities include (1) an extremely low tolerance for pests, (2) patients who face health risks from insecticide exposure because of illness or medications, and (3) a wide range of safety hazards facing technicians, ranging from airborne disease, to medical wastes, to radiation.

- ✦ Check in with the person in charge at each location to notify them of your presence and to determine whether any special precautions are necessary.
- ✦ Wear the proper safety equipment and protective clothing recommended and follow proper procedures for the biohazards at each site.
- ✦ Do not work in areas posted as hazardous without express authorization and without training in safety procedures.
- ✦ Your service should be IPM-based, with a strong emphasis on prevention of insect pests.
- ✦ Conduct thorough inspections at every service visit to discover insect pests before they spread through the facility. Identify and document any conducive conditions that may contribute to insect problems.
- ✦ Use or recommend mechanical and other nonchemical measures when possible to prevent or control pests. Examples include pest exclusion (door sweeps, silicone and sealing, air doors), insect light traps (ILTs) steam cleaning (drains, carts), vacuuming, or heat treatment.
- ✦ If insecticides are needed, only use products labelled for use in hospitals. Read the label carefully for precautions in patient areas. Use low hazard products such as baits whenever applicable.
- ✦ Never treat a patient room or area with a patient present, and always get permission for the treatment, even if the patient area appears unoccupied.
- ✦ When it is necessary to use liquids, aerosols, or dusts, concentrate on crack and crevice and void injection. Do not use flushing agents, pyrethrum aerosols, or space sprays.
- ✦ When treating voids, make sure that dust or spray will not be blown out of the void into adjoining areas through outlets or vents.
- ✦ When possible, treat pest-infested equipment or furniture in a separate room away from patient areas, and have it returned to the room later.

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GENERAL PEST MANAGEMENT  
(STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL)  
CAPE TOWN 20-22 August 2012

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DESTROYING INSECTS AND  
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12-14 NOVEMBER 2012 PTA

10-12 DECEMBER 2012 PTA

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9-11 JULY 2012 PTA

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5-7 NOVEMBER 2012 PTA

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OF AGRICULTURE, AGRISETA  
& SAQA

FET REGISTRATION NO: 2012/  
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### PEST CONTROL TRAINING ACADEMY / SCHOOL

#### Professional Services Offered:

training of pest control operators | practical assessments of pest control operators | mentoring of pest control operators | supervision of trainee pest control operators | pest control helpline | pest identification service | food safety / HACCP training and auditing | food safety / PRP registers | ISPM 15 training and certification | green pest management / control | pest management operations manuals