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Chichester Nurse Awarded

Sharon Merritt, Infection Control Link Nurse at The Nuffield Hospital Chichester, has won one of this year's Nuffield Hospitals Annual Infection Control Link Nurse Awards. The award, which is sponsored by the Tristel Company, offers Links Nurses the opportunity to undertake the Diploma in Infection Control. This award was presented at the Nuffield Hospitals Annual Infection Control Conference held on 17 and 18 June at Le Meridien Hotel in Warwick and organised by Sue Millward, Infection Control Nurse Advisor.

The Infection Control Link Nurse Award is given in recognition of individuals who are able to demonstrate considerable improvements in infection control within their hospital, in areas ranging from training to monitoring standards of practice and infection surveillance.

Sharon Merritt was instrumental in ensuring that The Chichester Nuffield Hospital achieved the prestigious 'Green Light' status in Infection Control.

Presentations for the award were judged by Sue Millward, Infection Control Nurse Advisor and the Nuffield Hospitals' Infection Control Committee during the conference with the award being presented at the conference dinner by Kevin Menhinick, sales director of the Tristel Company.

Kevin Menhinick commented: "Tristel is delighted to be associated with this award, which recognises the importance of infection control and the vital contribution made by the link nurses. The judging panel felt that all the presentations were indicative of very high professional standards and that the sharing of such best practice is to everyone's benefit."

Growing health and environmental concerns surrounding the use of aldehyde-based disinfectants have caused hospitals to seek alternatives for decontaminating endoscopes and other instruments. Tristel sterilants are based on low concentration chlorine dioxide solutions and offer a safe, reliable, economic alternative. A range of Tristel products are now available to suit the varying needs of different hospitals and applications.

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Left to right: Sue Millward, Infection Control Nurse Advisor for Nuffield Hospitals
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