Learning Outcomes
By the end of this two-day module, the attendee should be able to
• Use current approaches to collect and analyse national and local surveillance data to detect and control early outbreaks as soon as possible
• Recognise the role of the microbiology laboratory and multi-disciplinary team working in outbreak detection and control
• Apply the lessons learned from real-life scenarios to address the challenges presented by future outbreaks
• Engage the appropriate personnel to manage an outbreak scenario
• Communicate effectively with colleagues, healthcare management, patients and the public during an outbreak
• Choose and implement the appropriate infection prevention and control measures to manage an outbreak
• Develop skills, including the drafting of documents used to communicate data with colleagues and the public, as part of outbreak management
• Prepare a quality improvement programme to prevent future similar situations

Target Audience
• Medical doctors in training or those more senior who want to enhance their knowledge and expertise in outbreak management
• Clinical scientists or equivalent (MSc, PhD) with a background in infection prevention and control
• Senior infection prevention and control nurses or equivalent

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Managing Outbreaks & What We can Learn
Dublin, Ireland
16 – 18 June 2020

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Overall Objective: To improve outbreak management approaches through learning from past experiences
The participants will acquire and develop appropriate skills to better manage outbreaks through the sharing of recent past experiences of outbreaks from the Module Faculty that will highlight the importance of multi-disciplinary team involvement and engagement with colleagues, patients and healthcare management team.
Tuesday 16th June 2020
12:00 Lunch and Welcome
13:30 Surveillance
Margaret Foley
14:30 Detection of and the initial principles of managing an outbreak
Sheila Donlon
15:30 Afternoon Tea
16:00 Workshop – Case scenarios of three categories of outbreaks based on means of transmission (contact, air/droplet & water) - to be discussed in groups. Skills targeted – Collating and recording of data & use of Excel sheets
Chair: Sheila Donlon
19:30 Evening reception (location to be decided)

Wednesday 17th June 2020
Communication
Chair: Martin Cormican

Key Learning Outcomes
Outbreak communications
- Key principles of communications
- Planning and guidelines for effective communications
- Managing communications in a crisis situation
- Determining roles and responsibilities
- Effective messaging during outbreak responses

The role of social media in an outbreak
- Who is using social media?
- Social media landscape
- Tone, messaging and content development
- Monitoring
- Who is speaking for you online?

09:00 Communication skills in managing an outbreak
Audrey Lambourne
10:00 Coffee Break
10:15 Workshop – Communication skills: Principles & general issues
Chairs: Martin Cormican, Audrey Lambourne

Set pieces of work for each outbreak stream:
- Identify key audiences, i.e. patients, staff, management, organisations
- What do those audiences know?
- What do they need to know?
- Who is speaking for your organisation?
- How do we best communicate with the different audiences?

Managing an outbreak
Anna Rose Prior
12:40 Using laboratory resources in investigating outbreaks
Edmond G Smyth
13:00 Lunch
14:00 Workshop – Real life scenarios
Chair Anne Sheahan
- Role of the multi-disciplinary team
- Other aspects of communication, including written communication e.g press releases and briefings.
- Interviews
15:30 Afternoon tea
16:00 Feedback – Sharing of experiences and further perspectives
Chair & Co-ordinator: Niall Stevens, Karen Greene
17:30 Module dinner (venue to be decided)

Thursday 18th June 2020
What next?
Chair: Dr. Fidelma Fitzpatrick
08:30 Workshop – Deciding what needs to happen next and why. Developing a quality improvement programme (QIP) & tools for improvement with scenarios provided.
Chairs: Fidelma Fitzpatrick, Robert Conneely
10:00 Coffee Break
10:30 Assessment based on QIP with each member of each group presenting on one component of the QIP
Chair: Hilary Humphreys
Assessors: Niall Stevens, Fidelma Fitzpatrick, Sheila Donlon, Fionnuala Duffy
11:30 Feedback & Evaluation of the Module
12:00 Lunch and departure