

## **Section 2**

# **What is an Infection?**

## Section 2 – Infection Prevention Teaching Guide

### Objectives

1. Recognize symptoms of localized and systemic infections.
2. Relate the chain of infection to the work of a care worker in an adult care home.
3. Describe each link in the chain of infection.
4. Explain the concept of breaking the chain of infection and its importance to infection prevention.
5. Explain why residents in adult care homes are at risk for infection.

### Supplies

- Scotch/cellophane tape – 12-inches per student
- Scissors
- Paper clips
- Copy paper to duplicate two activities

### Advance Preparation – In General

- Review curriculum and presentation materials
- Add examples or comments to Notes Section
- Set up computer/projector for PowerPoint presentation

### Advance Preparation – Activities

- **#1 Build a Chain of Infection:** For each student, duplicate links sheet, cut out link strips, and paperclip sets of six link strips together. Provide a roll of tape and ask students to pass the tape around the room. Instruct students to tear off six strips of tape, two inches in length and to place on the edge of their tables or desks.
- **#2 Chain of Infection:** Duplicate student worksheet for each student.