



In This Issue

- ERCP, and duodenoscope reprocessing
- APIC and SHEA testimony on funding
- African CDC
- CMS Reporting Requirements to the NHSN – redux
- California Legislation

Links to Website (ctrl-click)

- [FDA Medical Device Committee Calendar](#)
- [FDA Draft Guidance to industry on Scope Irrigation and Accessories](#)
- [APIC and SHEA Testimony to House on federal efforts related to funding infection prevention priorities](#)
- [African CDC](#)

Contact Us

www.apicsierra.org

Email the CLR

stephanielambert.ip@gmail.com

APIC provides comments to FDA on duodenoscope reprocessing



APIC provided input on reprocessing of duodenoscopes and other endoscopes to the Gastroenterology and Urology Devices Panel of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Medical Devices Advisory Committee. The panel will meet May 14-15 to seek expert scientific and clinical opinions in order to make recommendations to assist FDA in minimizing patient exposure to infectious agents that may result from reprocessed scopes

APIC E-News April 29, 2015

This FDA meeting is in progress as we speak.

The FDA is drafting guidance to industry on “**Mitigating the Risk of Cross-Contamination from Valves and Accessories Used for Irrigation through Flexible Gastrointestinal Endoscopes**”



Another FDA committee that might peek your interest is the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee, which met on May 12, 2015 to discuss the development and licensure of Ebola vaccines. This committee also makes recommendations on the selection of strains for the annual flu vaccines.

APIC and SHEA submit testimony to House on funding infection prevention priorities

The testimony supports, among other serious issues, funding for the NHSN, HAI prevention, antibiotic resistance and emerging infections. See the testimony document for full details.


African CDC

The African Union and the US CDC are partnering to form an African CDC. “The African Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (African CDC) will help African countries effectively monitor public health, respond to public health emergencies, address complex health challenges, and build needed capacity,”

Dr. Dlamini-Zuma, chairperson of the African Union Commission

CMS Reporting Requirements to NHSN

Note: LTCH VAE reporting begins January 2016

 Federal HAI Reporting to NHSN	
2011	→ <ul style="list-style-type: none">CLABSI – Acute Care ICUs (Jan.)
2012	→ <ul style="list-style-type: none">CAUTI – Acute Care ICUs (except NICUs) (Jan.)CAUTI – LTCH, IRF, Cancer Hospitals (Oct)SSI – Colon Surgeries and Abdominal Hyst. – Acute Care (Jan)Dialysis Events – ESRD (Jan)CLABSI – LTCH, Cancer Hospitals (Oct)
2013	→ <ul style="list-style-type: none">C. Diff – Acute Care (Jan.)MRSA Bacteremia – Acute Care (Jan.)HCP Influenza Vaccination – Acute Care (Jan.)HCP Influenza Vaccination – LTCH (Jan.)
2014	→ <ul style="list-style-type: none">HCP Influenza Vaccination – ASCs, Hosp. Outpt. Depts., IRF (Oct.)SSI – Cancer Hospitals (Jan.)
2015	→ <ul style="list-style-type: none">CLABSI – Acute Care Med, Surg, Med/Surg Units (Jan.)CAUTI – Acute Care Med, Surg, Med/Surg Units (Jan.)MRSA Bacteremia – LTCH (Jan.), IRF (Jan.)C. Diff – LTCH (Jan.), IRF (Jan.)HCP Influenza Vaccination – Inpt. Psych. Fac. (Oct.), ESRD (Oct.) proposed
2016	→ <ul style="list-style-type: none">VAE – LTCH (Jan.)
August 20, 2014 Spreading knowledge. Preventing infection.®	

California

CA [R] AB 850 - Updated (Status 04/17/2015)

Employment: hospitals: virulent aerosol transmissible diseases.

Asm. Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (DEM-CA)

An act to add Section 6403.2 to the Labor Code, relating to employment.

This legislation would require a general acute care hospital to minimize the risk of occupational exposure to virulent aerosol transmissible disease, including immediately isolating a patient with symptoms of a virulent aerosol transmissible disease, and to provide a healthcare worker who enters such a patient's room with at minimum a full body hazmat suit and a PAPR.

In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. - 04/16/2015

CA [R] SB 27 - Updated (Status 05/05/2015)

Livestock: use of antibiotics.

Sen. Jerry Hill (DEM-CA)

May 4 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file. - 05/04/2015

CA [R] SB 277 - Updated (Status 05/13/2015)

Public health: vaccinations.

Sen. Richard Pan (DEM-CA)

An act to amend Sections 120325, 120335, and 120370 of, to add Section 120338 to, and to repeal Section 120365 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

This bill would remove personal exemptions from mandatory school vaccination requirements.

Read second time. Ordered to third reading. - 05/12/2015

CA [R] SB 361 - Updated (Status 05/01/2015)

Skilled nursing facilities: antimicrobial stewardship guidelines.

Sen. Jerry Hill (DEM-CA)

An act to add Section 1275.4 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

This bill would require the California State Department of Public Health to develop guidelines, in accordance with guidelines established by the federal government and professional organization, extending the principles of antimicrobial stewardship to skilled nursing facilities by July 1, 2016.

In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk. - 04/30/2015

CA [R] AB 1147 - Updated (Status 05/08/2015)

Health facilities: pediatric day health and respite care facilities.

Asm. Brian Maienschein (REP-CA)

An act to amend Sections 1760.2 and 1760.4 of, and to add Sections 1760.7, 1760.9, 1761.85, 1762, 1762.2, 1762.4, 1762.6, 1762.8, 1763, 1763.2, and 1763.4 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

This legislation would require a pediatric day health and respite care facility to have a patient care committee to address quality of care provided in the facility, including infection control. Maintaining, reviewing, and reporting statistics of the number, types, sources, and locations of infections in addition to investigating, controlling, and preventing infections is included but not limited to the definition of infection control.

Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar. - 05/07/2015