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SHEA Draft Guidelines for Infection Control in Hospital Personnel

SHEA members whose current e-mail addresses are not on file with SHEA headquarters and who have not recently visited the SHEA web address (http://www.medscape.com/SHEA) may not know that, on September 8, draft guidelines for infection control in healthcare personnel were published *in the Federal Register*. Although the comment period closed on October 17, the draft document still may be obtained from the CDC's Hospital Infection Program link to the SHEA web site. The final version of this document, to be published by the CDC after all written comments are reviewed and evaluated, is expected in early 1998. It will replace the current (1983) CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Hospital Personnel.

New SHEA Contact Information

SHEA has moved to 19 Mantua Rd, Mt Royal, New Jersey. The new telephone number is 609-423-7222, and the fax number is 609-423-3420.

Our website is at http://www.medscape.com/SHEA. E-mail may be sent to SHEA to the attention of Executive Director Stephanie Dickinson, at sheahq@tmg.smarthub.com.

CDC Videoconference on Managing Occupational Exposure to HIV

The above-named videoconference will be broadcast on January 15, 1998, 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST. The course is sponsored by the CDC, NFID, and the Public Health Training Network. It is intended to update individuals who may be responsible for developing policies related to the management of occupational exposure to HIV and will update prior PHS statements on managing occupational exposures to HIV.

Registration information is available through the CDC tax information system at 888232-3299, by requesting document 130013, or on the Internet at <www.cdc.gov/phtn>. Registration is free, and continuing education credit will be offered.

SHEA Listserv Available to Members

When OSHA published its Proposed Standard for Occupational Exposure to TB, SHEA members whose e-mail addresses were current with SHEA HQ received an e-mail message notifying them of the narrow window of time allowed for comment. Those SHEA members who would like to receive periodic special notices from SHEA headquarters should provide or update their e-mail addresses for the SHEA listserv by sending an updated e-mail address to sheahq@shea.smarthub.com.

OSHA TB Guideline

OSHA has released its draft TB guidelines; see page 872. If you wish to contribute to SHEA's official comments to OSHA, send them (as soon as possible) to Dr. Michael Tapper, Chair, SHEA AIDS/TB Committee, to his e-mail address (mltappermd@aol.com) or his fax (212-4342574).

Brief items of interest for the SHEA News or Newsletter may be sent to Murray D. Batt, MD, SHEA News Editor, Washoe Medical Center, 77 Pringle Way, Reno NV 89520; fax (702) 3284797.

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