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Impo?eminder for the Third Annual SHEA Meeting in Chicago

The meeting will be held from Sunday, April 18, to Tuesday, April 20, 1993. The deadline for receipt of abstracts has passed, but March 5, 1993, is the deadline for "Late Breaker" abstracts on recent investigations or studies of national importance. The deadline for discounted Palmer House reservations for the SHEA Meeting is March 17, 1993. The hotel's reservation phone number is (312) 7267500 or Hilton Reservations at l-800-445-8667. The deadline for advance registration for the meeting at early-bird rates is March 26, 1993. Additional registration material or abstract forms can be obtained by calling the SHEA Meetings Department at (609) 8451720 or faxing to (609) 853-0411. The March issue of the SHEA Newsletter will have final details about the Annual Meeting.

Practice Parameters Update, American Hospital Association

The Division of Quality Resources of the American Hospital Association (AHA) continues to publish handbooks describing clinical practice guidelines. The latest handbook, Clinical *Practice Guidelines Strategies, Putting Guidelines Into Practice,* published in September 1992, describes the various terms (practice parameters, practice policies, algorithms, and protocols) and discusses the patient-care decision support tools referred to as critical paths. The latter specify appropriate nursing and ancillary services for patients on a day-to-day basis. The clinical practice guidelines are designed to reduce variation in clinical practice, and it is likely that they will play an increasingly important role in the quality improvement movement described by Bill Scheckler in the November 1992 issue of *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology.*

Job Market, Augusta VAMC

The Augusta VAMC, a Dean's committee medical center physically attached to the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) Hospital, is recruiting for a hospital epidemiologist. The Augusta VAMC is a two division, 1,033 bed facility. Three infection control practitioners, one secretary and one program clerk (data entry) are employed full time. There is an active open-heart program, advanced cancer chemotherapy, specialized HIV-AIDS clinic and an active internal medicine residency program with MCG. The VA's medicine teaching

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