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HICPAC Guidelines

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The CDC's Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) put the finishing touches on the "Guideline for Isolation Precautions in Hospitals" based on public and practitioner comments. The final guideline is expected to be published before the end of this year. This guideline was coordinated by CDC's Julia Garner with assistance from HICPAC member Rita McCormick.

The next guideline scheduled for publication in the *Federal Register* for public comment this fall is the "Guideline for Prevention of Nosocomial Intravascular Device-Related Infections." This guideline is being coordinated by CDC's Dr. Michele Pearson, and the HICPAC advisor is Dr. Glen Mayhall.

The "Guideline for Infection Control in Hospital Personnel" is being coordinated by Dr. Ofelia Tablan of the CDC and Dr. Susan Forlenza of HICPAC. This guideline will address issues related to preventing occupational transmission of disease to healthcare workers and will be reviewed at the next HICPAC meeting, scheduled for November 1995 in Altanta.

The committee also is considering the development of a guideline for postexposure follow-up of healthcare workers with occupational exposure to hepatitis C virus.

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