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HICPAC Infection Control Guidelines Survey

The Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) advises the CDC on guideline development and other policy statements regarding the prevention of nosocomial infections. To address the needs of the infection control community further, HICPAC seeks input from SHEA members and other readers of SHEA News in identifying priority topics for future HICPAC/Hospital Infections Program infection control guidelines. Please complete the following survey.

SHEA Member since 19__ or Not a SHEA member_____
Current job title:_____
State in which you work:_____
Type of facility/agency (check only one): ___acute-care ____long-term–care
___home health ____rehabilitation
___other, specify_____
Facility affiliation (check only one): ____university-affiliated ____community, teaching ____community, nonteaching
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Facility bed size: ___<100____100-249 ____250-500 ____>500
Please rank the following topic areas by order of priority (1=least important; 11=most important).
_____Antimicrobial use and resistance
_____Creutzfeld-Jacob disease
_____Environmental issues and engineering controls
_____Handwashing
_____Infection control in ambulatory settings
_____Infection control during invasive procedures (eg, cardiac catheterization, interventional radiology, etc)
_____Preventing infections in immunocompromised patients
_____Prevention of urinary tract infections
_____Skin integrity and infection control (eg, burn patients)
_____Role of the microbiology laboratory in infection control
_____Other, specify_____
For access to educational programs on the Internet/web, please indicate which, if any, of the following are available to you (please check all that apply):
_____386 computer
_____486 computer
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Please return the completed survey by April 15, 1998, to HICPAC Guidelines Survey, Attn: Michele L. Pearson, MD, CDC, Mailstop E-69, 1600 Clifton Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30333; fax, 404-639-6458.

Reminder: SHEA Eighth Annual Scientific Meeting, April 5-7

The program for the SHEA Eighth Annual Scientific Meeting at the Hilton Walt Disney World Village in Orlando may be downloaded from the SHEA home page (http://www.medscape.com/SHEA) or obtained from SHEA meeting management at 609-423-0087 (fax, 609-423-3420). Although early (discounted) pre-registration closes on March 20, it is likely that registration for the workshops on April 4, as well as for the meeting, will be available on-site. (Please contact SHEA Meeting Management as soon as possible to assure your workshop space).

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) 328-4797.

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