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CDC Announces a New Service

The CDC offers a Rapid Notice Service (RNS) about important healthcare events. The CDC Hospital Infections Program provides occasional time-sensitive e-mail messages about important healthcare events (eg, outbreaks, product recalls) and publications (eg, new healthcare guidelines) to persons interested in the prevention of healthcare-acquired infections and antimicrobial resistance. This RNS is not interactive, and participation can be terminated at any time. There is no charge for this service.

You may subscribe to the system by accessing http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip and clicking on the RNS logo.

WHO Bulletin

Interested in the WHO bulletins? Queries on subscription to the printed edition should be addressed to the World Health Organization, Distribution and Sales, 20 Avenue Appia, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland; fax: 41-22-791-48-57. Issues of the *Weekly Epidemiological Record (WER)* are in Adobe Acrobat portable document format (.pdf). Additionally, you can receive disease news via e-mail by sending the message "subscribe wer-rehis" with no subject heading to majordomo@who.ch or by visiting http://www.who.int/emc/outbreak_news/index.html. Full *WER* issues can be found at http://www.who.int/wer.

New SHEA Website

SHEA has a new website address (http://www.shea-online.org/) and has moved to a professional ISP. The Internet Committee will explore ways to enhance services to SHEA members through our website. Options being explored include an on-line directory, on-line renewal of membership dues, and payment of meeting registrations. Starting next year, SHEA members will be able to submit abstracts on-line.

Medical Errors and Hospital Infection Control

The April 21 news section of icanPREVENT (http://www.icaninc.net/icanprevent.asp) included two excellent features on medical errors and the role of hospital infection control, an article by Ted Eickhoff, and an exclusive interview with John Eisenberg. Both features give strong support to infection control as a model for how to reduce medical errors.

Calendar

Jul 16-19. International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases. Atlanta, GA. Info: iceid@asmusa.org.

Aug 2. Nebraska Infection Control Network, 20th Anniversary Educational Conference, Omaha, Nebraska. Info: vhelget@nhsnet.org.

Aug 25-29. SHEA/CDC/ESGNI Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology. Geneva, Switzerland. Info: Nadia Colaizzi, eurohospepi@hcuge.ch.

Sep 2-5. Medinfo 2001. London, UK. Info: www.medinfo2001.org/.

Sep 6-9. Fifth International Meeting on Bacterial Epidemiological Markers. Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Info: congres.care@wxs.nl.

Sep 17-20. 40th International Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. Toronto, Canada. Info: meetingsinfo@asmusa.org.

JCAHO Outcome Measures

SHEA officially responded to the JCAHO proposal on core outcome measures for use by hospitals. SHEA is seeking the support of APIC and IDSA to sign on to our position. A copy of the response can be found on the SHEA website (http://www.shea-online.org/).

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