MEW ON THE DPH WEBSITE

Infection Control and Prevention - Principles and Practices for Local Public Health Agencies has recently been released and is available at http://dhs.wisconsin.gQy/cornmumcable/InfectionCQntrol/index.htm.

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The site also includes links to resources, references and other websites (including the new DPH PPE webpage at httpj// .dhs._wiscQnsin,.gov/ppe/).

An educational packet about safe Injection practices has been developed and distributed jointly by the Bureau of Communicable Diseases and the Division of Quality Assurance It is available at httg^/dhs.wiscorisin.;goy/Cianmu.riicjible/resjOurces/HlthProviieihtm

OTHER RESOURCES

The Division of Quality Resources publishes a quarterly Information Update containing memos, rule revisions, best practices, upcoming training opportunities, and other valuable materials for licensed facilities. Visit the website at http://dM^fflssfflan^gajsij^SL^iMietffflSiEfMMB^febtaito view past issues. If you are interested in receiving this publication electronically, go to httpj//dhs.wisconsin;goy/dsLinfo/signupjjtm

Influenza information for the general public is available at http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/influenza/FluConsumerEd.htm. The site offers posters on how to prevent the spread of influenza at work, in daycares and schools, and at home. CDC also has information promoting the influenza vaccine and has developed a documentary with Families Fight Flu, a non-profit organization providing education about the importance of vaccinating children against influenza. The documentary has been placed on the popular Internet video site YouTube and can be seen at http;//www.yQUtube;co.nj/watch?¥=Kh=6X6C2!cc

The National HIV/AIDS Clinicians Consultation Center has published a State HIV Testing Law Compendium describing key state HIV testing laws and policies. Access the compendium at http;//ww:w.nj5c^ then use the map to click on Wisconsin to find the 49-page document about Wisconsin state HIV laws.

CDC began in January, 2008, **a nationwide investigation of** severe **adverse** reactions among hemodialysis patients. Contaminated heparin was linked to the cases of adverse reactions. An article is published *at]MQiUs^S^tiS^SL3Isl&^lSSS^i^l* Ml/NE.IMoaQ806450

The American Heart Association has released new guidelines for the prevention of infective endocarditis. After reassessing available evidence, the authors of the guidelines have significantly revised the recommendations for antibiotic prophylaxis for certain medical and dental procedures. Access a commentary at *y^yi^gW^^T&SQ^SSO^ce^mmment^^Q^* file=Endocaiditis^Prophylaxiync The guidelines can be found at: htt£L//jadjuad^^

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has published guidelines entitled, "Personal Protective Equipment for Health Care Workers Who Work with Hazardous Drugs." Go to http://www.cdc.gov/niQsh/docs/wp-solutions/2009-106/ to access the publication.

The National Institutes of Health has prepared a consensus statement on the management of Hepatitis B Virus infections. Go to *Mg* 20statement%20102.208 JINAL.pdf to view the document.

An article in the journal *Microbiology* [2008 Oct; 154 (Pt 10):3 144-53] entitled, "Multidrug efflux pump overexpression in *Staphylococcus aureus* after single and multiple in vitro exposures to biocides and dye," has led to inaccurate conclusions that there is a link between use of disinfectants and emergence of antimicrobial resistance. Reports misled readers into thinking the CDC supported this notion, but Dr. Arjun Srinivasan from the Division of Health Care Quality Promotion states that CDC has not seen evidence to support the link. He goes on to say CDC recommendations for environmental infection control have not changed, and the agency has always encouraged proper use of disinfectants.

Revised recommendations for isolation of persons with mumps can be found in an October *MMWR* publication at http.:// www.cdc.gov/rnmwr/preview/rnmwrhtml/mm5740a3.htrriThe period of isolation has been reduced from nine days to five days after onset of parotitis.

The *New **England Journal** of Medicine* **featured** a case **of skin and soft tissue infection** in a college basketball player and asked readers to vote on how to manage the case. Go to httjx// S^fij^^gjm^g/c^i/cjgyntani^iW^9/15./e20 to see the polling results.

President of Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) APIC Anna Malek presents a $2,100 check to John Fritz of the Northeastern Wisconsin Alzeimer's Association during the November Long Term Care Conference sponsored by NEW APIC. The generous donation came from conference registration fees and a matching contribution from NEW APIC members.