

Feb. 4th, 2010, APIC LTC Meeting Minutes

An updated e-mail list will be sent out. If you know someone who needs to be added to the list, forward the information to Tricia Tull: tricia.tull@wfhc.org

Hydration Policies, Procedures, and Assessments shared

1. St. Annes
2. Linden Grove
3. Luther Manor

Helpful resources *Canadian Website RGP (Regional Geriatric Practice)*

State Survey Trends:

- Bowel and bladder, hydration assessment and procedures
- Debbie Briggs shared intake measurement handout ideas.
- *Bristol Stool Scale* is a useful tool for measurement and accurate diagnosis of diarrhea
- *Armstrong Urine Chart*- documents urine color
- Brenda Reed from Dove Healthcare is willing to share pamphlet about survey guidance re to Hydration
 - 2 days without BM raises the red flag
 - Dietary sheets and I&O for total Hydration
 - More I&O initiated-Nursing, Activities, DS, and Therapy
- Surveyors looking for baseline labs
- Michelle Mieczkowski from Franciscan Villa 1 day assessment problems
 - Care tracker hint –Start slowly-introduce 1 part at a time
 - Document intake when filling water cups-enter for each resident
- Mary Zemke from Care Age – found that Nursing staff were not aware of fluid goal.
 - Get goal to everyone –Put on 24 hour I & O sheet.
 - PM shift responsible for totaling to meet the 24 hour goal

Glucometer Cleaning:

- Surface cleaning between each resident -Wipes-Cavatrol, Dispatch (C-Diff), Sanidex
- Individual meters for each resident

Linen Handling-F Tag 441 rewrite

- No longer encouraged to double bag unless soiled on the outside of the bag.
- Do not transfer linen through hall if not contained.

Computer systems

- ECS- infection tracking tool too general
- AOD- Talks to Caretracker with valuable tracking forms and reports.
- Advise for electronic record-print paper copies for surveyors instead of giving surveyors access to computers.

Treating UTI- Suspected

- UTI-Confusion –not an indicator of UTI
- Fall- not an indicator of UTI

- Need to stop antibiotics if culture comes back negative or low colony count
- Strategies- follow AMDA guidelines, Follow APIC guidelines

Board report

- State Seminar/Conference call for abstracts
If you have any questions call Cindy Meyer as she submitted a winning abstract 3 years ago on Outbreak Control.

Pandemic Planning: CDC Disaster checklist

- List who is doing what
- Encourage participation from all departments
- Make a list of alternative people to do jobs.
- Moral and Ethical issues in a Pandemic
- Judy Savard to provide resource from Nursing 09 or AJN

APIC Champions Kit:

- Change in culture to infection prevention instead of control and enlisting Champions of Infection Prevention throughout the organization.
- free resource from APIC and PDI websites.

Norovirus control

- need support
- close down unit
- ill staff to stay home for 48hours