

8-4-11 APIC LTC Meeting Minutes

Wisconsin Immunization Registry

- Gwen Borlaug heard feedback from participants and will bring these concerns to the appropriate people for consideration. Suggestion was given to provide on-line training for a shorter version specific to long term care. Facilities inputting into WIR have secretaries doing the input.

Immunization Programs

- Resident:
 - Clarified that consents are not necessary.
 - View the DQA Focus 2010 Presentation: An ounce of Prevention, Creating Effective Immunization Programs by Dr. David Nace at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rl_dsl/training/focus10.htm
 - Education is required which can be done in the form of the current Vaccine Information Statement.
 - Mailed to emergency contact.
 - Given to resident.
 - Include in the admission packet and given again prior to administration.
 - Declination forms for residents are not mandated but may increase participation.
 - Temperatures prior to vaccination not required and a show of hands revealed this practice is inconsistent among the group.
- Health Care Worker:
 - Those utilizing a mandatory HCW vaccine program include the use of masks for the entire influenza season on unvaccinated HCW's.
 - November 1st suggested as deadline after which mask use will be enforced.
 - Residents have put pressure on HCW's to vaccinate.
 - Residents may offer inservice to encourage HCW's.
 - Vicky Griffin suggested having your HR call her if they are resistant to a mandatory program.
 - The expectation should be laid out during the interview process for new hires.
 - During administration some facilities instruct employees to take Tylenol to avoid sore arm/side effects.

ER Visits and Strategies to Avoid Unnecessary Antibiotics

- Cover letter sent to ER along with transfer forms with UTI criteria and a statement to call prior to ordering antibiotics.
- Have Medical Director intercede with unnecessary drugs.
- Thanks to Cheryl Stephan from Virginia Highlands for sharing a FAX form she developed. Note: Cindy Meyer will send out to membership.

Zoster Vaccine

- Covered under Medicare Part D.
- Eileen Messnick to share a resource about 72hr. stability if refrigerated.
- Some MD's not willing to store the vaccine.

Focus during State Surveys

- Antibiotic Stewardship
- Perineal Care
- Hand Hygiene

Outbreaks

- Upper respiratory outbreaks continue according to Tom Haupt.
 - One positive Influenza during July.
- Precautions:
 - Droplet and Contact Precautions recommended for most URI's.
 - Syndromic precautions should be initiated to prevent outbreaks.

Antibiotic Stewardship

- A task force is forming to work on this project.

Individualizing Transmission Based Precautions

- Infection Connection (APIC's LTC publication had an article about this recently).
 - Environmental High Touch Surface Disinfections – also involve activities, clergy and housekeeping in the process.
 - Hand hygiene.

Fecal Transplant for Clostridium Difficile

- Thanks to Karen Sautbine for story shared.
- Dr. Dennis Maki from Madison has presented on this topic.
- Used for longstanding C-diff when regimens have been exhausted with good success rates.

Post Void Residual (PVR)

- Individual orders obtained based on resident's bladder tolerance, history of infections, comorbidities, etc.

Paraffin Wax

- Question was posed about therapeutic recreation using paraffin wax on resident hands during manicures. This is not a common practice among facilities represented.
- May want to check with salons to see if they follow any standards.

Podiatry Visits

- Auditory privacy a concern during podiatry visits in a shared room.

- Most facilities have podiatrist in a treatment room rather than going room to room.
 - Volunteer transporter assists some to avoid lines.
 - Group activity suggested while waiting.

Bed Bugs

- Thanks to Karen Sautbine for sharing policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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