

**10/6/2011**

## **APIC SEW LTC Meeting Minutes**

Discussed the possibility of having a guest present a microbiology minicourse geared towards LTC at one of our meetings.

Topics to be included:

- Rundown of common organisms in LTC
- Reading culture & sensitivity reports and what do we do with this information?
- Classes of Antibiotics: bugs vs. drugs

### **TB Screening**

- The CDC link provides information on TB screening.  
<http://www.cdcnpin.org/scripts/tb/index.asp>

### **Surveillance:**

- Aspiration Pneumonia counted as an infection on the infection log however it is listed as AP to differentiate from pneumonia.
- Track and trend every day.
- Graphs, mapping suggested.
- Rates of each infection/1,000 resident days each month.

### **Can nebulizer machines be re-used?**

- Nebulizer machines are re-used after they are sanitized.

### **MRSA after antibiotic treatment**

- Residents with MRSA post antibiotic treatment should be considered colonized if without signs and symptoms of an infection.

### **Employee Influenza Vaccination**

- Educating the staff and providing evidence of facts versus myths.

- Hold off on the declinations until January and continue to offer to those employees who have refused.
- Make it an expectation on hire.
- Check out the UPEN song and dance video on Immunize.org.
- Must have leaders on board
- Expectation is now 90% of Health Care Workers
- Make it emotional, use case studies. Dr Poland shares convincing case studies. What if your child's day care provider didn't get vaccinated and your child died from Influenza?
- Is a fear of needles worth somebody's life?
- Use your champions, recent converters, to influence others.
- Mandatory will be a question on the state survey
- The state of Wisconsin will recommend mandatory programs.

link on Lyme disease

<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/>

Discussion on open seats and a call for nominees