

## 11-3-11 APIC SEW Long Term Care Group Meeting Minutes

### Resident Hand Hygiene

- WI Dept of Health Services memo discussed.
- Do alcohol based hand rubs change blood sugar results? Wait until hands are dry before fingerstick.
- Are alcohol based hands wipes evidence based? PDI has studies supporting hand wipes use for resident hands. If >60% alcohol this is considered just another delivery method.
- Residents like and are more thorough with the wipes so this appears to support resident preferences.
- PDI is offering a bedside pack of 20 larger wipes in a disposable pouch...consider for bedbound or those who use urinals/bedpans.
- Resident Hand Hygiene is recommended at the table after residents wheel themselves to dining area prior to eating.

### Foley Catheters

- Large drainage bags, leg bags and belly bags discussed.
- Belly bag has anti-reflux valve and can remain a closed system as it is worn in bed and out of bed. Note: for more information, contact Nancy Maronn.

Survey – congratulations to Michele M. at Franciscan Villa for deficiency free state survey!

Outbreaks – none reported.

Gwen Borlaug shared:

- Mandatory Health Care Worker Vaccination Programs will be the norm.
- LTC will be the next to report facility acquired infections.
- Recent report about vaccine effectiveness argues that better vaccines are needed, however the influenza vaccine is still the best defense we have.

Congratulations to Theresa Stevens on her certification!

A huge thank you goes to Gwen Borlaug for offering to purchase some APIC LTC Manuals and CIC exam study guides for the APIC LTC group.

APIC LTC Group Leadership – in order to share the workload at each meeting a volunteer will be asked to lead the next meeting. Thanks to Debbie Schlehlien for volunteering for January, 2012. Note: remember to send topic ideas or questions to Debbie Schlehlein before the January 2012 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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