

# 04/01/10 APIC LTC Meeting Minutes

## State Surveys

1. Recent cites included:
  - Hydration
  - Bowel and Bladder
  - Hand Hygiene
  - MDS, Assessments, Care Plans, Care Cards (all need to match)
  - Change in Condition (notifications)
  - Drainage Bag Covers
  - Oxygen (orders to titrate)
  - Abuse Investigations
  - Alarms
2. Outbreak Policy – Surveyors asking for copies and 3 months of surveillance/logs.
3. Staff Illness – Surveyors asking to see policies.
4. Advice – be ready when the Surveyors come in your door with all the paperwork they want . . . be calm, cool and collective. However even though one facility was ready with paperwork, the Surveyors insisted on a computerized roster.

## Outbreaks

1. Norovirus – when DON, Educator, and ICN were off, 2 residents with symptoms on a Friday and more on Monday (action taken was too late).
2. RSV and Human Metapneumovirus
  - Main symptoms have been low grade temps and wheezing.
  - Implemented Contact Precautions with masks.
3. Scabies  
Note: facilities are seeing an increase in Pneumonia (admission and acquired).

## Discussion Topics:

1. Chest x-rays – 500cc of fluid can be associated with a “slight effusion”.
2. Legionella and water walls in facilities.
  - a. Facilities are turning off and emptying water.
  - b. Legionella likes warm water and scale.
3. H1N1 Vaccine – continue to provide until the next Seasonal Influenza vaccine comes out.
4. Hand Hygiene Audits – sharing of frequency:
  - Weekly, monthly or with outbreaks (some Surveyors looking to be done during an outbreak).
    - a. Audit new staff.
    - b. Utilize the Glow Bug as a tool.
  - Tools were shared at today’s meeting.
    - a. APIC Champions kit has tools and suggests seeking out Champions of Infection Prevention.

- CNA's with increasing responsibilities, can do Hand Hygiene and Perineal Care Audits.
5. Temporary Care Plans for infections: UTI's (tool shared at today's meeting).
  6. Surveillance:
    - a. Utilize floor map of building and highlight different infections in different colors pleased surveyors.
    - b. Facilities have laminated infection criteria and keep with 24 hour report.
    - c. Comparing data from same month previous year may help to show trends, more reliable comparisons (thresholds that Surveyors are looking for).
  7. Bristol Stool Scale and Armstrong Urine Color Chart are useful tools for assessments (you can Google them to get a copy).
  8. Bowel and Bladder and Hydration Risk Assessments (tools shared).

Next Meeting – Anna from ACL graciously accepted the offer to do a short presentation at the June LTC meeting. Topics were discussed and “Bad Guys Bugs” was elected the topic of interest. This will cover well known resistant organisms and some of the newer challenges: Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae and Acinobacter Baumannii.

Respectfully submitted,

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