

APIC LTC Meeting Minutes June 3rd, 2010

Thank you to Anna Marciniak for her excellent presentation “Bad Guy Bugs.” The challenges of infection prevention are constantly evolving so Anna’s presentation was a great update.

Topics discussed included:

Linen handling and the new recommendations.

- Hampers are being used in many facilities but linens are bagged in the room when hampers are not immediately outside the room.
- Point of use bagging of isolation linens.

Storage of isolation/precaution supplies.

- Carts vs. wall mounted units. The majority of membership uses carts on wheels placed outside the resident room in the hall.
- One facility uses a carrier hung over the door with metal hooks.

Products:

- Medical Nutrition USA – some facilities report good anecdotal results with Pro-Stat (wounds), UTI-Stat, Diff-Stat and Fiber-Stat. It might be expensive, will need to research.
- Florastar – majority of membership using.

Outbreaks:

- Few recently but all viral respiratory.
- Visitor Management – changing of signage to entrance to facilities has been effective (i.e. Cover Your Cough) and keeps it interesting so it is read by visitors, residents and staff.

Quality Assurance and Assessment Committees:

- Includes representative from lab.

Policies/procedures/protocols (requested):

- Pet therapy and pet visitation.
- Baseline temperatures and measuring height.
- Basin use and storage.
- Laundry for residents sensitive to bleach.
- Eye protection for staff caring residents with influenza.

Note: please bring copies of above policies to the next APIC LTCF meeting.

Looking ahead:

- Kimberly Clark C-diff studies due out soon.
- Focus Conference 11/17 + 11/18.
- Cindy Meyer offered to share her notes/experience from the APIC Spring Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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