

June 2nd, 2011 APIC SEW LTC Meeting Minutes

Q board:

1. How often is distilled water in Oxygen concentrators being changed and how often are the containers cleaned?
 - Following HSS-132 regarding change and cleaning every 5 days (or use disposable).
 - Also refer to Respiratory Therapy Regulations for Group Homes.
2. How can I become more involved in committees?
 - Many suggestions shared including going to www.wisconsinapic.org and refer to the policy and procedure section to review the responsibility descriptions for each position.
3. Do we isolate pseudomonas?
 - Droplet Precautions if multidrug resistant or if syndromic (refer to the CDC Guidelines on Isolation).

National APIC LTC listserv – Tricia reported on the following:

- Currently not much action but looks like it will be a good National Resource.
- Go to APIC.org, log in and under resources select networking and communities.
- Sign up to receive e-mails as they go out or a daily e-mail (with all dialogs).

Facility Infection Rates – contact your Lab representative to provide their data (i.e. graph comparisons of your facility compared to other LTCF's). Note: National Average Facility Infection Rates may not be a true picture as not all facilities are using the same definitions for infections. Note: refer to APIC manual for “Definitions of Infections for Surveillance in Long-term Care Facilities” which features the McGeer Definitions.

Influenza Vaccine – there was discussion on the following:

- Check your labels as most are expired or soon to be.
- Consents are not necessary; however documentation of education provided is required. Note: utilize the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS).
- When residents refuse, some facilities are using a declination form as is done when HCW's refuse.
- Google “FOCUS 2010” to see webcast on Dr. David Nace’s presentation on Effective Immunization Programs in LTC.

T-dap – it was clarified that T-dap is for HCW's, not residents. Residents get just Tetanus (refer to Immunizations per CDC).

Blood Glucose Monitoring – there was discussion on the following:

- Cleaning finger with soap and water or alcohol - either method okay but soap and water recommended is by the Diabetic Association. Note: this issue arose as Family Care was not paying for alcohol wipes as soap and water is the standard from the ADA.
- Hand Hygiene is the key.
- Alcohol (if used) must be dry prior to finger stick.

Baseline Temperatures (policy and procedure) – Vicki Griffin announced that there is a new resource “Common Infections in LTC by AMDA” which has information on this. It also mentions eliminating PRN Tylenol orders and antimicrobial stewardship. Note: the WI Clinical Resource Center website has AMDA guides posted but not all are up to date.

Antimicrobial Stewardship (policy and procedure) – there was discussion on the following:

- For more information you can go to <http://www.analsoflongtermcare.com/article/antibiotic-stewardship-program-long-term-care-facilities>.
- “The Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy 2011-41st Edition” a great resource used by physicians as a guide to appropriate antimicrobial selection. Vicki actually showed it to the group and it fits in your pocket.
- Another resource under CHSRA – Wisconsin Clinical Resource Center (WCRC), you have to be a nursing home to use this resource. There is good information regarding Urinary Tract Infections and using antibiotics appropriately.

Resident Drinking Water – some facilities are stopping the use of ice buckets due to the contamination potential. Many replace disposable cups filled with ice water each shift.

Bristol Stool Scale – if you have “Care Tracker” you can add this to your electronic computer system which has helped staff to be more specific regarding description of bowel movements.

State Surveys – Vicki Griffin and Michele Doro, Lead Surveyors attended today’s APIC LTC meeting. They shared that 7,000 staff have left the DQA due to resignations and/or retirement which means that we will be seeing people like Vicki and Michelle and a few other surveyor trainers become part of the LTC State Survey teams.

State Survey Trends - the following was shared by LTCF members in regards to cites:

- Hand Hygiene
- Perineal Care
- Wanderguards – are systems in place for monitoring.
- Meds Left at Bedside
- Constipation – assessment, documentation and care planning.
- Med Errors – for odd liquid dosages, syringes need to be used instead of droppers or med cups (nurses cannot eye ball the amounts).
- Agency Nurses/CNA's – when changing policies and procedures, you need to include outside agencies and show that you made an attempt to educate them on the change.

Respectfully submitted,

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