



The 2008 Wisconsin APIC Conference Committee planned an overwhelmingly successful state educational conference.

Thanks for a job well done.

Eighty Percent Club Grows to One Hundred Plus

Increasing numbers of Wisconsin hospitals and nursing homes are vaccinating at least 80 percent of employees against influenza.

This year over a hundred facilities joined the “80% Club” compared to only 32 in 2005 when the Bureau of

Communicable Diseases first challenged facilities to improve employee influenza vaccination rates.

The Bureau awards a certificate to facilities reaching the 80% mark and this year will also publish names of successful facilities in a Department

of Health Services press release.

Congratulations to the hospitals and nursing homes for achieving this high level of employee influenza vaccination rates.

The complete list appears on page four of this Update.

Family Services Separation from Health Services Is Official

The newly created Department of Children and Families began operations July 1, providing the same services as the former Division of Children and Family Services that was part of the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS).

DHFS has been re-named the Department of Health Ser-

vices and is responsible for various public health programs such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), family and senior care, mental health and substance abuse services, and communicable disease prevention and control.

Go to <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/> to learn more about the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

IC Resources

“Vaccines and autism revisited—the Hannah Poling Case” *NEJM* 2008; 20:20 89-91.

Dr. Paul A. Offit offers a perspective on the case of a nine year old girl with mitochondrial deficiencies who developed autism spectrum disorder after receiving numerous vaccinations.

“Current concepts: Acinetobacter infection”

Munoz-Price LS, Weinstein RA. *NEJM* 2008;12:1271-81. The authors present the epidemiology, clinical manifestations, treatment, and infection control measures for this increasingly important organism.

“Prevention of pertussis, tetanus, and diphtheria among pregnant and postpartum women and their infants” *MMWR Recommendations and Reports* May 30, Vol. 57, RR-04. This report describes the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

“Control of pandemic flu virus on environmental surfaces in homes and public places”

www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/individual/panfacts.html

This fact sheet explains how cleaning and disinfection of surfaces in homes and public places such as schools may help reduce spread of pandemic influenza.

“Hand hygiene saves lives: patient admission video”

<http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/PatientAdmissionVideo.html>

Use this CDC video to teach hospital patients about the importance of hand hygiene for them and their providers. The video, posters, and brochures are available in English and Spanish.

“Human rabies prevention—US, 2008: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices” *MMWR Recommendations and Reports* May 23, Vol. 57 RR-03. These recommendations update the 1999 recommendations.

“The deadly toll of invasive methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infections in community hospitals” Kaye KS, Anderson DJ, Choi Y, et al. *Clin Infect Dis* 2008; 46:1568-77. The authors describe a cohort study at one tertiary and several community hospitals to compare treatment choices and mortality rates.

The 10th edition of “Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases,” also known as the Pink Book, has been updated and reprinted. Several chapters and appendices have been revised. Order by telephone at 877-252-1200 or by email at phf@tasco1.com. An online version may be downloaded at <http://cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/pink-text.htm>

“Application of the forensic Luminol for blood and infection control” Bergervoet PWM, van Riessen N, Sebens FW, van der Zwet WC. *Journal of Hospital Infection* 2008; 4:329-33.

The authors used Luminol, a substance used by forensic investigators to detect traces of blood at crime scenes, to demonstrate the levels of contamination in hospital environments even after cleaning and disinfection procedures.

Division of Public Health Employees Get New E-mail Addresses

E-mail addresses have changed for all Division of Public Health staff. The new format is:

firstname.lastname@wisconsin.gov

(example: gwen.borlaug@wisconsin.gov).

The old addresses with the dhfs.state.wi.us format will continue to work temporarily, but we ask that you begin using the new addresses as soon as possible.

Thank you.



NCW APIC chapter members Julie Carriveau and Terri Dums start the national conference in Denver right by heading for the free popcorn.

Wisconsin ICPs Reach New Heights in Denver

Wisconsin APIC members were honored recently at the 35th Annual APIC International Conference when the Badger Chapter was recognized as a Chapter of Excellence and Linda McKinley received a Chapter Leadership Award. Linda Hanacik Coakley was presented a congratulatory certificate recognizing the fact that she was among the first group in the nation to become certified infection control practitioners.

Congratulations everyone!



The Badger APIC Chapter members received the Chapter Excellence Award in Member Support and Organizational Excellence during the awards luncheon at the 2008 National APIC Conference held in Denver in June.



Linda Hanacik Coakley, SEW Chapter, displays the certificate she received in celebration of being among the original cohort of certified infection control practitioners 25 years ago.



Linda McKinley of Badger APIC was given a National APIC Chapter Leadership award for her work in establishing a sister APIC chapter in Nairobi, Kenya.



Wisconsin APIC 2008 Educational Conference...

...the faces of excellence

Kathy Beier did an excellent job as conference chair.



Bridget Pfaff, Mary Jo Stokes, Maria Leary, and Julie Carriveau all appear to be enjoying the MedImmune™ pre-conference dinner.



Paul Thomas, Deb Neitge and Jeannie Druckenmiller found a helping and hopefully clean hand.

Staff Influenza Immunization 80-Percent Club

NURSING HOMES

Alexian Village of Milwaukee, Milwaukee
 Ashland Health & Rehab Center, Ashland
 Aspirus Lillian Kerr Healthcare, Vilas
 Baldwin Care Center, St. Croix
 Becker Shoop Center, Racine
 Belmont Nursing & Rehab, Dane
 Birch Hill Care Center, Shawano
 Bloomfield Manor, Iowa
 Brewster Village, Outagamie
 Cedar Lake Health & Rehab Center, Washington
 Chippewa Manor, Chippewa
 Cornell Area Care Center, Chippewa
 Countryside Home, Jefferson
 Door County Nursing Home, Door
 Fairview Home, Juneau
 Geneva Lake Manor, Walworth
 Golden Living, Dodge
 Good Samaritan Scandia Village, Door
 Grancare Inc, Fond du Lac
 Grande Prairie Health & Rehab, Kenosha
 Greenway Manor, Sauk
 Hayward Area Nursing Home, Sawyer
 Heritage Manor, Juneau
 Heritage Manor, Barron
 Heritage of Elmwood, Pierce
 Holton Manor, Walworth
 Karmenta Center, Dane
 Kennedy Park Medical & Rehab Center, Marathon
 Linden Grove Menomonee Falls, Waukesha
 LO Simenstad NCU, Polk
 Luther Midelfort Chippewa Valley, Chippewa
 Luther Midelfort Northland, Barron
 Luther Midelfort Oakridge, Trempealeau
 Markesan Resident Home, Green Lake
 Marquardt Memorial Manor, Dodge
 Mary Jude, Milwaukee
 Mellen Manor, Ashland
 Mercy Manor Transition Center, Rock
 Mercy Residential & Rehab Center, Milwaukee
 Montello Care Center, Marquette
 Morrow Memorial Home, Monroe
 Mt Carmel Medical & Rehab Center, Racine
 Muskego Health Care Center, Waukesha
 Nazareth Health and Rehab, Dane
 Norseland, Vernon
 Oak Park Place, Dane
 Oak Ridge Care Center, Racine
 Oakridge Gardens, Winnebago
 Onalaska Care Center, Lacrosse
 Pine Crest Nursing Home, Lincoln
 Pine Valley Healthcare & Rehab Center, Richland
 Portage Health Care Center, Portage
 Prescott Nursing and Rehab community, Pierce
 Rennes Health & Rehab, Outagamie
 Rest Haven HCC, Dane

Nursing Homes continued

Ridgeview Terrace, Sauk
 Santa Maria, Brown
 Schmitt Woodland Hills, Richland
 Shady Lane Inc, Manitowoc
 Southwest Health Center, Grant
 Spring Valley, Pierce
 St Clare Meadows Care Center, Sauk
 St Marys Care Center, Dane
 St Michaels, Buffalo
 Upland Hills Nursing & Rehab, Iowa
 Vallhaven Care, Winnebago
 Villa Marina, Douglas
 Waunakee Manor Health Care Center, Dane
 Wild Rose Manor, Waushara
 Willowbrook, Jefferson
 Wisconsin Lutheran, Milwaukee
 Woodland Village Nursing Home, Oconto

HOSPITALS

Appleton Medical Center, Outagamie
 Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc Co, Manitowoc
 Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh, Winnebago
 Aurora Medical Center Sheboygan, Sheboygan
 Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington, Racine
 Black River Memorial Hospital, Jackson
 Childrens Hospital of Wisconsin—Fox Valley, Winnebago
 Cumberland Hospital, Barron
 Flambeau, Price
 Hayward Area Memorial Hospital, Sawyer
 Lakeview Medical Center, Barron
 Luther Midelfort Chippewa Valley Mayo Health Sys, Chippewa
 Luther Midelfort Mayo Health System, Eau Claire
 Luther Midelfort Northland, Barron
 Luther Midelfort Oakridge, Trempealeau
 Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital, Waukesha
 Osceola Medical Center, Polk
 Prairie du Chien Memorial, Crawford
 Red Cedar Medical Center, Dunn
 Reedsburg Area Medical Center, Sauk
 Ripon Medical Center, Fond du Lac
 River Falls Area Hospital, St. Croix
 Riverview Hospital Association, Wood
 Sacred Heart, Eau Claire
 Select Specialty Hospital, Dane
 Shawano Medical Center, Shawano
 Southwest Health Center, Grant
 St Clare Hospital and Health Services, Sauk
 St Croix Regional MC, Polk
 St Joseph Hospital, Chippewa
 Stoughton Hospital, Dane
 Richland Hospital, Richland
 Tomah Memorial, Monroe
 Upland Hills Health, Iowa
 Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare St Joseph, Milwaukee