WHA Education

The Health and Safety Challenges for the Infection Control Practitioner and Safety Professional

Who Should Attend

- Infection Control Practitioners
- Nursing Directors and Nurse Managers
- Safety Managers
- Compliance Officers
- Risk Managers
- Supply Purchasers

Program Description

These are times of great concern for the hospital infection control and safety professional. This seminar is more than just a static review of the challenges faced by these practitioners. It includes practical advices and sample procedures that can be implemented at hospitals throughout Wisconsin.

Specific issues to be discussed include:

SARS and Monkey Pox disease defense – Epidemiology expert will discuss what infection control professionals can do to safeguard their hospital workers against these unseen foes.

Needlestick injury prevention – Detailed, practical information on how to comply with the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, while reducing employee sharps injuries, will be provided. Discussion will include OSHA and JCAHO enforcement directives, and assessment of more than 70 safety medical devices. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bloodborne Pathogen Plan and samples of safety devices.

Changes in the hand hygiene directive – The new CDC hand hygiene directive will be reviewed and discussed, as well as the Infection Control Construction standard. Practical information on implementing and complying with these requirements will be shared.

Friday, November 14, 2003
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)
Crowne Plaza, Madison
The Health and Safety Challenges for the 
Infection Control Practitioner and Safety 
Professional 
November 14, 2003

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**Agenda**

8:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.  Welcome

**Review of the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) Standard**
- BBP Standard overview
- Compliance issues/strategies

10:15 a.m.  Break
10:30 a.m.  SARS/Monkey Pox
Noon  Lunch (provided)
1 p.m.  Safety Devices and Evaluation Process
2:15 p.m.  Break
2:30 p.m.  Hand Hygiene Products
3 p.m.  OSHA Inspections
3:30 p.m.  Adjourn

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**Program Objectives**

*After completing this seminar, participants will:*

- Understand how SARS and Monkey Pox spread, how to safeguard against them, and how to reduce fear among employees.
- Have ideas for getting clinicians to try new safety devices, and how to work with those who refuse to use them.
- Understand how to get anesthesiology, surgery and pediatric departments involved with clinical product evaluations; and how to get administrative and purchasing office support.
- Understand how to work with purchasing contracts that do not provide the devices that your clinicians would like.
- Have the ability to evaluate hand hygiene products, encourage staff to use them, and understand how to monitor their use.
- Understand what is needed to comply with the Infection Control Construction standard, and how to work with building management and contractors to implement an effective construction monitoring program.

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**About the Presenters**

**Michael Garvin**

Michael Garvin is a former safety engineer for the 800-bed University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He also served as the safety and hazard control officer at the UIHC and at the University of Wisconsin’s Clinical Science Center, which includes a 540-bed hospital and more than 200 research laboratories. He holds a Masters of Hospital Administration degree from St. Louis University. Garvin has written for a number of trade journals in the fields of waste and safety management. His research in such areas as waste management, medical product development and health care safety often is included in major conferences and industry publications.

**Chuck Kupka**

Chuck Kupka is the director of safety and security at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He has more than 24 years of experience in hospital safety and security and has participated in seven JCAHO surveys. Kupka received a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement Administration and has seven years of law enforcement experience. He also is certified as a Healthcare Environment Manager (HEM). In addition to presentations on Environment of Care and OSHA compliance, violence in the workplace and health care security, he conducts on-site and distance JCAHO compliance surveys for hospital clients.

**Rita McCormick**

Rita McCormick is an infection control practitioner for the Department of Infection Control. She has worked in infection control for 28 years, has written content for an infection control web site, and spent a year conducting infectious disease research at the University of Wisconsin. She has served on many hospital, state and national committees, including seven years on the CDC Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee, which is responsible for the development of a number of national guidelines for prevention of health care-associated infections. She has published a number of articles, including co-authoring the first paper on the epidemiology of needlestick injuries. Her areas of special interest include prevention of sharps injuries and infections related to intravenous devices. McCormick graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing in La Crosse and worked as a staff nurse and nurse manager on a surgical unit at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, for nine years before specializing in infection control.
Additional Program Information

Special Needs
If you have any special needs with which we can help you, please let us know.

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Directions will be sent with confirmations.

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