

## Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention Ambulatory Surgical Center Edition Newsletter September 2015

### Resources and Information

#### Influenza 2015-16 Season

The Pennsylvania Department of Health monitors influenza activity throughout the year, but ramps up surveillance activities in the fall and winter. The official influenza surveillance season starts with the 40th week of the year (typically around the beginning of October) and ends on the 20th week of the following year (in May).

Information about the 2014/2015 influenza season is available on the [department's website](#). The 2015/16 surveillance season will begin shortly. The Department of Health will be posting flu updates on the [department website](#).

#### Healthcare Personnel Safety Component

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides resources such as training, protocols, data collection forms, supporting materials, and frequently asked questions for health care facilities reporting health care personnel influenza vaccination to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). This information is available by facility type and can be accessed on the [NHSN website](#).

A guide for "[Methods and Strategies Used to Collect Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination Data](#)" is also available.

#### NHSN Contact Information

For NHSN help, please send an email to: [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov).

Include the facility five-digit NHSN assigned ID number with your question in the email subject.

CDC's NHSN website: [www.cdc.gov/nhsn](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn)

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#### CDC INFO on Demand

The One & Only Campaign recently created a new educational flyer entitled “Injection [Safety Reminders for Oncology Providers](#).”

Additional resources and information are provided on the [CDC's INFO on demand publications website](#). These materials are available for downloading and/or ordering.

Publications include:

- About the One & Only Campaign;
- Dangerous Misperceptions (Injection Safety Myths & Truths);
- Injection Safety Checklist;
- Injection Safety Guidelines Pocket Card;
- Injection Safety Healthcare Provider Brochure;
- Injection Safety Infographic;
- Injection Safety Patient Brochure;
- Injection Safety Reminders for Oncology Providers;
- Insulin Pen Safety; and
- Insulin Pen Safety Poster.

#### New FDA Communication: Duodenoscope Reprocessing for CRE

On August 4, 2015, the FDA provided a [Safety Communication](#) that includes a detailed list of supplemental duodenoscope reprocessing measures.

Emergency Care Research Institute (ECRI) Institute provides high priority safety alerts and recommendations for best practices in scope reprocessing. The ECRI Institute [CRE and Duodenoscope Resource Center](#) offers updates and guidance on this critical issue.

Two recent health devices alerts are provided below.

- [Health Devices Alert H0245 03: ECRI Perspectives on FDA's Supplemental Measures](#)
- [Health Devices Alert H0245 02: ECRI Institute Recommends Culturing Duodenoscopes as Key Step to Reducing CRE Infections](#)