

## Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention Nursing Care Facilities Newsletter June 2015

### Department of Health Updates

#### Information for New Nursing Home Administrators

Nursing home administrators (NHAs) identified as new to a facility will receive an email from the Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention section that provides important information about the mandatory reporting of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) by nursing care facilities into the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System (PA-PSRS).

The message will inform NHAs that Act 52 of 2007 requires nursing care facilities to report all HAIs (as defined in the Patient Safety Authority's Training Manual and Users Guide, April 2014), within 24 hours of confirmation, along with utilization data (resident days, urinary catheter days and central line days) into the PA-PSRS system. Serious event letter notification, as outlined in Act 13 of 2002, must be provided for HAIs that are reported into the PA-PSRS system. The message will also define the roles of PA-PSRS users for those that are unfamiliar with PSRS reporting.

#### Department of Health Social Media

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is now on social media. These sites will be used to provide healthy living information, news stories, emergency preparedness tips, upcoming events and clinics, videos, and photos distributed by the department.

[Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) on Facebook  
[@PADOH](#) on Twitter

#### New Brochure Patient Safety Authority

The Patient Safety Authority recently posted a new brochure on [Healthcare -Associated Infection Reporting in Pennsylvania](#) to their website.

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**Resources and Information**

**New Patient Safety Authority (PSA) Articles**

[Decision Making Map to Improve Hand Hygiene Behavior](#)

[Antibiotic Stewardship in Hospitals and Long Term Care Facilities : Building an Effective Program](#)

**APIC Topic-Specific Web Pages**

APIC has organized key infection prevention topics and created [topic-specific Web pages](#) to help infection preventionists and consumers quickly access these important resources. Topics include: hand hygiene, disinfection and sterilization, CAUTI, CLABSI, C-difficile infection, CRE, Ebola, MRSA, pneumonia, environmental services, antimicrobial stewardship, vaccine preventable diseases, and long-term care.

**Patient Safety Reporting System (PSRS) Help Desk**

The PA-PSRS Help Desk continues to be available for any clinical questions related to patient/infection reports, infection criteria, or the PA-PSRS system.

The PSRS Help Desk may be accessed by telephone at 866-316-1070  
or by email at [support\\_papsrs@pa.gov](mailto:support_papsrs@pa.gov).

**Websites**

[www.oneandonlycampaign.org](http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org)

[www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)

[www.patientsafetyauthority.org](http://www.patientsafetyauthority.org)

[www.apic.org](http://www.apic.org)

[www.shea-online.org](http://www.shea-online.org)