

Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention Nursing Care Facilities Newsletter December 2014

Department of Health (Department) Updates

Infection Surveillance

Chapter 4 of the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System (PA-PSRS) manual includes the specific list and surveillance criteria of reportable infections under Act 52. Chapter 5 of the manual covers submitting new infection reports and utilization data, as well as other topics. The current PA-PSRS manual (version 3.0) was released April 2014.

The infection prevention designee (IPD) is strongly encouraged to have a back-up PA-PSRS user, since surveillance of infections and collection of utilization data (resident days, urinary catheter days and central line days) is an ongoing process. Having another PA-PSRS user will ensure a lapse in reporting does not occur.

Patient Safety Authority Program Memo

The Patient Safety Authority recently released two program memorandums ([no. 2014-03](#) and [no. 2014-04](#)) announcing the availability of the training module for PA-PSRS long term care analytics and how the module may be accessed. Training is now available for all PA-PSRS users responsible for analyzing infection events through PA-PSRS. Infection prevention designees and other users should complete training as soon as possible. This program memorandum describes the user training registration and sign-in process required to access the training modules for PA-PSRS analytics.



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Resources and Information

Training Opportunities

[APIC Annual Conference 2015](#)

June 27 - 29, 2015
Nashville, Tennessee

[Education for the Prevention of Infection \(EPI®\) 101](#)

March 16 - 18, 2015
Seattle, Washington
September 21 - 23, 2015
Austin, Texas

[Education for the Prevention of Infection \(EPI®\) 102 \(formerly EPI 201\)](#)

March 19 - 21, 2015
Seattle, Washington
September 24 - 26, 2015
Austin, Texas

[SHEA Spring 2015: Science Guiding Prevention](#)

May 14 - 17, 2015
Orlando, Florida

Infographic Available

The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology recently released a downloadable infographic that illustrates how long-term care residents and their families can prevent catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) by asking questions and taking simple actions. The infographic is located on the [CAUTI resource tab](#) under education and training and is titled “The power of 10: Your role in preventing catheter-associated urinary tract infections in nursing homes”

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.