



August 2014

## WORKSHOP GEARED TO PREVENTING CLOSURE DURING NORO-LIKE OUTBREAKS

The HAI group is offering a workshop on how to develop a facility warding plan for a viral gastro-enteritis (VGE) outbreak. This educational opportunity will provide attendees all of the tools necessary to put a facility-specific plan together.

Viral gastroenteritis is contagious & can spread through a health-care setting quickly if proper measures are not put into place to prevent, identify & manage an outbreak. This has a very negative impact on the health of patients & staff. It also puts a heavy financial burden on health-care centers.



The HAI workshop will address some of the most common challenges a health care center may experience in creating a warding plan, such as identifying physical barriers/boundaries, designating areas to allow separation of common operating

procedures, preventing cross-contamination in transporting items in & out of the warding area.

Don't miss this opportunity to get the tools & training to develop your center's

VGE warding plan. All proposed plans must be approved by the Clark County Health Department prior to an outbreak. Each center has the opportunity to be a part of this program!

### LOOKING BACK:

The HAI series on pneumonia continued in July. The second of two presentations focused on the prevention of pneumonia. Lisa Incalcaterra from Vibra Specialty Hospital developed a power point presentation outlining the epidemiology of pneumonia, the various types of pneumonia, and the treatment options for pneumonia. This presentation is embedded as a link on the HAI website, available for anyone to use as a resource for staff education.

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/hai/documents/TREATMENTOFPNEUMONIA.pdf>

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/hai/documents/ASPIRATIONPNEUMONIA.pdf>

### LOOKING AHEAD:

In August, the HAI Taskforce will be meeting at ManorCare at 2:30 pm on the 27th. Ben Young and David Brantley will be demonstrating the proposed the C-wing and first floor area for the warding of VGE patients in the event of an outbreak. They will also be sharing the proposal process and feedback from Clark County Public Health. Additionally, Jen Leger, RN, MS, Infection Control Practitioner at Legacy Salmon Creek will be presenting updated CDC guidelines for the prevention of catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI). HAI meetings are open to all health care professionals and anyone is invited to attend this valuable train-the-trainer educational offering.

## HAI MISSION STATEMENT:

OUR MISSION IS TO DECREASE THE INCIDENCE OF HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS AND IMPROVE THE HEALTHCARE OUTCOMES BY ENHANCING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND WORKING TO INCREASE HEALTHCARE WORKER IMMUNIZATION RATES.



NEXT MEETING:

AUGUST 27TH AT 2:30 PM AT MANORCARE SALMON CREEK

2811 NE 139th Street Vancouver, WA 98686 ~ 360-574-5247

## HAI LINKS:

HAI WEB SITE:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/hai/workgroup.html>

HAI flu link:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/healthworker/toolkit.html>

HAI VGE link:

<http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/hai/documents/Norovirus2013.pdf>

Transfer form link:

[http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/hai/documents/INTERFACILITY\\_TRANSFER\\_FORM.pdf](http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/hai/documents/INTERFACILITY_TRANSFER_FORM.pdf)

## GET YOUR ORDER IN!

Flu season is approaching fast! Remember to order enough vaccine for your patients/residents & your staff. Join the HAI in obtaining our 2014-2015 goal of 92% employee vaccination among participating centers. Vaccinations are very important in keeping our community healthy!



YEAR	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES VACCINATED	TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	PERCENT VACCINATED
2013-2014	4909	5387	91.1%
2012-2013	5674	6515	87.1%