



JULY 2014

PILOT PROGRAM UNDERWAY TO PREVENT FACILITY CLOSURE

The HAI group has put together a comprehensive plan to ward patients who have viral gastro-enteritis (VGE) during an outbreak. The purpose of the plan is to minimize the occurrence, transmission and duration of a VGE outbreak. The group has identified the first pilot facility to champion the plan, Manor Care of Salmon Creek.

Viral gastroenteritis affects the stomach and intestines and is commonly referred to as a “stomach flu”, although it is not caused by influenza. A well-known form of VGE is commonly known as the “NORO VIRUS”. VGE is contagious and can spread throughout a facility quickly if proper measures are not put in place to prevent, identify & manage an outbreak.

The HAI group will be posting their comprehensive tool-kit in August. The group will assist each participating center with the checklist and review for completion. Once the plan is completed, each center will submit to the Clark County Health Department for approval. “Warding makes good business & logistical sense, but more importantly, concentrating the infection to a single, contained area



Dave Brantley, Director of Nursing and Ben Young, Administrator Manor Care

lessens the chances of more vulnerable patients being exposed, which is good, common sense.” - Dave Brantley, RN BSN

over-all health & wellness of residents in Southwest Washington!

Please contact the HAI group if you would like more information or assistance in creating your center’s plan.

This is a very exciting pilot project & will improve the

LOOKING BACK:

In June, the HAI series on aspiration pneumonia began. The first presentation was a “train the trainer” piece, focused on how to recognize patients at high risk for aspiration pneumonia & measures to prevent it. Scott Southwell, RN from Cascade Park Care Center put together a wonderful PowerPoint presentation that is available on our web-site. Anyone is welcome to utilize this as a resource to educate staff & caregivers about measures they can take to keep patients & residents healthy.

LOOKING AHEAD:

In July, HAI will be offering another educational opportunity with part 2 of the 2 part series on Aspiration Pneumonia. Lisa Incalcaterra, RN BSN from Vibra Specialty Hospital will be educating the HAI Task Force about treatment options for aspiration pneumonia. Aspiration pneumonia is the 5th leading cause of hospital deaths & a very serious health concern for our community. Please come to the next HAI task force meeting & learn more about treatment of aspiration pneumonia.



NEXT MEETING
JULY 30 AT 2:00 PM
CASCADE INN
11613 SE 7TH STREET
VANCOUVER, WA 98683

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.



*“COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING, KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS ,
WORKING TOGETHER IS **SUCCESS!**” ~ HENRY FORD~*

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GEARING UP FOR FLU SEASON!

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>

Influenza season is fast approaching. Make sure your center orders enough vaccine to provide to your patients, residents & staff. Vaccination is the best way to keep your center healthy! The HAI participants have steadily increased the percentage of vaccinated employees year over year.



Check out the HAI web site for tools to help your center this flu season.

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