

HAI Notes, 10/23/13

Important Announcement: Monica Monteon is moving out of state. Debby will take over with compiling our data. Best wishes Monica! You will be greatly missed!!!

Congrats to Debby & Monica for special award at PHSWMC for work on HAI & overall work to decrease healthcare associated infections!!!!

*Next meeting at Discovery on November 20th at 2:00 pm. (5220 NE Hazel Dell Avenue)

- Discussed pneumonia, specifically aspiration pneumonia which is a major cause of hospital re-admissions for PHSWMC
- Everyone received a 6 step poster on ways to prevent aspiration pneumonia :
 1. Identify high-risk patients.
 2. HOB at 30-40 degrees at all times, place HOB at 90 degrees when eating & drinking.
 3. Feed patients in small amounts, do not force or rush feedings, 1:1 supervise & assist with meals.
 4. Select thickened liquids & textured foods, feed patients in small amounts.
 5. Provide frequent oral care (before & after meals).
 6. Use sedatives sparingly
- Power Point Presentation on Aspiration pneumonia, asked for advice from group on additional info that would be helpful
- Discussed speech therapy and modalities that may improve swallow, such as “Vital-stim”, further input from an SLP may also be insightful for group, video recommended, f/u on actual name on youtube.
- Discussed importance of frequent oral care for patients with silent aspiration & use of scopolamine patch for residents with excessive secretions who are silently aspirating.
- Influenza stickers passed out, all facilities are being asked to start reporting monthly: Total # of employees who receive flu vaccine & total number of employees employed at facility. Send to Debby, please do not report percentage, report total numbers
- Norovirus: working on very clear guidelines/best practices for SNF/ALF in regards to admissions hold, testing vs not testing, quarantine, etc. Health department already has established guidelines, goal to make sure all communities aware of best practices & guidelines and to encourage transparency when an outbreak occurs in a community. Many communities share staff & residents, goal to prevent wide-spread outbreaks among multiple communities.
- Josh Vanotterloo to provide health department Norovirus packet of guidelines for HAI to review.
- CRE & CRAB: Ask Debbie for specialist, possibly Dr. Kane? Stacie to ask about the CRE inservice given to Prestige by Pat Preston.
- Transfer tool: Vibra using consistently, other centers hit or miss, talk about at next meeting
- C-diff algorithm: per PHSWMC, reduction noted since inception of HAI
- Spreading the word (marketing): Need more involvement from ALF & SNF not in attendance
- Subgroups: All to have at least one meeting prior to next HAI on November 20th. Groups include: Pneumonia: Jody & Cindy, etc., Norovirus: Matt, Stacie & Ben, Marketing: Sean & Courtney

HAI Community Task Force

Agenda Items for November 20, 2013

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Scorecard and Data

Old Business

3. C diff algorithm for testing and treatment
 - a. What are our next steps
4. Healthcare giver education on CRE

New Business

5. Goals for 2014
6. Columbian article about task force