

APIC news

Upcoming Meeting January 26, 2011



The first education meeting of 2011 is only 9 days away!

Andrew Streifel, MS, REHS, is a hospital environment specialist at the University of Minnesota. You may remember he spoke at a chapter meeting last year, and the feedback and reviews from our membership were highly favorable. This month he is returning to APIC Chicago and will be covering a broader array of topics and in much greater detail. The meeting is being held at MCHC and seating is limited, so be sure to send in your registration right away. Are you worried your registration will not be received in time? Worry no longer.

You can now register for your Chicago APIC events online!



That is correct; meeting registration is now accepted through the chapter's website <http://www.apicchicago.org> through PayPal. Just go to the chapter website, select "Meetings" and click

Q. I don't have a PayPal account. Can I still register online?

A. Yes. After clicking "Buy Now" you have the option of logging into a PayPal account (if you have one) or just paying with a major credit card if you do not have a PayPal account.

Q. Wait. The registration for 1/26/2011 is \$20 and PayPal is saying it costs \$22. What is that about?

A. PayPal charges the chapter a fee for each transaction and for now, that fee is being passed on to the people using the service. You save on postage and time, you lose \$2.

Q. How do I know my registration went through?

A. With each transaction, you get a receipt. To be sure, print the receipt out and bring the receipt with you to the meeting.

Q. Are you going to stop taking mail registrations/checks?

A. That's not the plan at this time. This is intended to make it easier for members to register for events.

Special thanks to Darlene Gallagher and Kathy Aureden for getting this set up!

Call for CBIC/CIC Study Group

At December's meeting I was approached by a chapter member asking why we don't have CBIC/CIC study groups for Infection Preventionists seeking or renewing their certification. I cannot think of single good reason why not. So, if you are interested in joining a certification/renewal study group, complete the following survey asking for preferred study formats along with your contact information: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CICstudygroups>

News you can use

The Joint Commission is seeking input on two proposed National Patient Safety Goals for 2012 and beyond. These include ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) and catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI). The comment period ends January 27, 2011. The link to the comments section is on the chapter website, but if you don't have much time and are already aware of the proposed changes, you can submit your comments through their online survey located here:

http://jointcommission.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9Y81ApjhUZ88eH2

Earlier this CMS issued a proposed rule that would establish a new hospital value-based purchasing program that would reward hospitals for providing high quality, safe care for patients. Under the program, hospitals that perform well on quality measures relating both to clinical process of care and to patient experience of care, or those making improvements in their performance on those measures, would receive higher payments under the program. You can read the announcement and rule here:

http://www.apicchicago.org/pdf/2011/CMS_VBP_1-7-11.pdf

The 2nd Annual Illinois Statewide Conference on HAIs will be held in October in Lisle, Illinois. We have confirmed the first speaker for the meeting as Dev Anderson, MD, MPH from Duke University School of Medicine. Dr. Anderson is the primary author of the ICHE compendium on strategies to prevent SSIs (ICHE October 2008) and he's a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholar. You can read more about him here:

<http://rwjfpfsp.stanford.edu/meet/2012/anderson.html>

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Find your chapter leaders and email them your questions or concerns

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