

# APIC news

Upcoming Meeting March 4, 2011



## ByLaws Voting Online

The chapter bylaws presented and discussed at December's annual business meeting have not been voted on.

Each chapter member (have your member ID handy) is asked to **vote by March 2, 2011**. Results will be announced at the March 4, 2011 meeting and in March's chapter newsletter. You may cast your ballot by taking the survey located here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APICByLawsVote2011>

If the link doesn't open automatically for you, copy and paste it into your internet browser.

Additional, optional questions regarding how the chapter should use chapter funds as well as how you manage patients with resistant gram-negative organisms follow the by laws vote.

## Long term care conference March 4, 2011

APIC Chicago's Annual Long Term Care Conference is less than 2 weeks away! This year, it's been held at Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights on Friday, March 4th starting at 11am. This half day conference includes reports from the field, and talks on multi-drug resistant organisms from Drs. Sue Gerber and Lance Peterson.

Seating is limited and registration must be made in advance (no payments at the door). Chicago APIC members can register online through the chapter website at <http://www.apicchicago.org>. Non-members and those wishing to register by check can complete and mail the registration form attached with payment received by February 25, 2011.

## Did you know?

If you're not receiving emails or newsletters routinely, it may be because your email address on file at National isn't accurate. You are responsible for maintaining updated contact information with National in order to receive Chapter Updates and Newsletters. If you're unsure, take a moment, log in to MyAPIC and review your contact information, especially your email address.

## Legislative activities

There has been a flurry of legislative activity in Springfield. The summaries below highlight recent activity. For more timely notifications, be sure to check in at the chapter website <http://www.apicchicago.org>

Senator Pamela Althoff (R-32-Crystal Lake) has introduced a bill, SB 1805, that would require the yearly report that the state Department of Public Health is already required to publish on MRSA and Clostridium difficile infections to be based on a surveillance system substantially similar to the National Healthcare Safety Network. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Assignments. To read a text of the bill, please [click here](#).

Senators Christine Radogno, (R-41-Lemont) Mattie Hunter, (D-3-Chicago) and Susan Garrett (D-29-Highwood) are co-sponsors of a bill, SB 1378, that would require that a death certificate indicate the presence of MRSA if it was a contributing factor to, or the cause of, the death. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Assignments. To read the text of the bill, please [click here](#).

Representatives Robyn Gabel (D-18-Evanston) and Keith Farnham (D-43-Elgin) are co-sponsors of a bill, HB 1096, that would require skilled nursing facilities to designate an Infection Prevention and Control Professional to develop and implement policies governing control of infections and communicable diseases. The designated Infection Prevention and Control Professional would be qualified through education, training, experience, certification or a combination of these factors. This bill has been referred to the House Rules Committee. To read the text of the bill, please [click here](#).

Senator Heather Steans (D-7-Chicago) introduced SB0145 which amends the Nursing Home Care Act. It provides that a skilled nursing facility shall designate a person or persons as Infection Prevention and Control Professionals to develop and implement policies governing control of infections and communicable diseases. Provides that the Infection Prevention and Control Professional's qualifications shall be documented and shall be made available for inspection by the Department of Public Health. Effective on January 1, 2012.

## A message from Marc

About 2 years ago, I got to start on a really neat project; The AJIC-NHSN Case Studies. These are short vignettes that appear in AJIC with complex patient scenarios infection preventionists encounter on a regular basis in their daily surveillance of healthcare-associated infections when using the NHSN definitions. With each case, we provide a link to an online survey where you can answer the questions and receive immediate feedback in the form of answers and explanations. All individual participant answers are confidential, and all cases, answers, and explanations have been reviewed and approved by the NHSN.

The feedback has been great, which is good, since it takes about 2-3 months to create and get approval for each case study.

The fourth case study is published in the February 2011 issue of AJIC and are available online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AJIC-NHSN-Case4>.

We're working on a possible AJIC supplement that would have a collection of these for CEUs.



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# Are you going to SHEA in Dallas, Texas April 1-4 2011? Here are some of our chapter colleagues and organizations with presentations at this year's SHEA meeting.

Session # 126 Hand Hygiene Observations and Compliance in the Operative Setting. Silkaitis and colleagues (Northwestern)

Session # 130 A Novel Motivational Method for Improving Hand Hygiene Compliance Among Healthcare Providers. Mawdsley and colleagues (U of Chicago)

Session # 135 Patients' and Healthcare Workers' Perception of Hand Hygiene Practices. Soyemi and colleagues (Loyola)

Session # 150 The Paradox of Accuracy - *C. difficile* (CD) Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Increases Nosocomial CD Rates While Decreasing CD-related Isolation Days. Belmares and colleagues (Loyola)

Session # 214 Continuous Passive Disinfection of Luer Access Valves to Prevent Contamination. Wright and colleagues (NorthShore)

Session # 243 Implantable Central Venous Port Infections in Patients with Head & Neck (H&N) Cancer on a Research Protocol. Mawdsley and colleagues (U of Chicago)

Session # 268 MRSA and Hand Hygiene Education: Perceptions and Practices of Healthcare Workers at VA Spinal Cord Injury Centers. Evans and colleagues (Hines VA)

Session # 278 Epidemiology of KPC-Producing Enterobacteriaceae in a Chicago Hospital. Shores and colleagues (Northwestern)

Session # 282 Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae: Risk Factors and Role of Extended Care Facilities. Makarem and colleagues (Illinois Masonic)

Session # 363 Community-Associated Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (CA-MRSA) Colonization in High-Risk Cohorts of HIV-Infected Patients : 10:45 AM. Popovich, and colleagues (Rush and Stroger)

Session # 492 Drug Resistance in Gram Negative Rods in Patients Admitted to a Pediatric Hospital. Weedon and colleagues (Children's)

Session # 461 Where the Rubber Hits the Windpipe Road: Of Bacteria and Broken Scopes. Belmares and colleagues (Loyola)

Session # 600 Identification, Management and Clinical Characteristics of Hospitalized Patients with Influenza-like Illness (ILI) during the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic, Cook County, IL. Metzger and colleagues (CDPH, NorthShore, Rush, U of Chicago, Loyola)

## Recent publications from organizations in the chapter.

Robicsek A (NorthShore), Beaumont JL, Wright MO, Thomson RB Jr, Kaul KL, Peterson LR. Electronic prediction rules for methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* colonization. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol.* 2011 Jan;32(1):9-19.

Popovich KJ. (Rush) Lessons from a community-based infection prevention study. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol.* 2010 Dec;31(12):1216-8.

Gerding DN (Hines VA), Johnson S. Management of *Clostridium difficile* infection: thinking inside and outside the box. *Clin Infect Dis.* 2010 Dec 1;51(11):1306-13.

Free article: <http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/51/11/1306.full.pdf+html>

Stone PW, Larson E, Saint S, Wright MO (NorthShore), Slavish S, Murphy C, Granato JE, Pettis AM, Kilpatrick C, Graham D, Warye K, Olmsted R. Moving evidence from the literature to the bedside: report from the APIC Research Task Force. *Am J Infect Control.* 2010 Dec;38(10):770-7.