Infection Prevention and the CMS Infection Prevention Mandate for ASCs: Key Strategies to Enhance Performance

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In Review – How did we get here?

- Incidents in Nevada
- CMS Surprise ASC surveys
- CMS received increased funds

The Good News – this is one area where we have clarity!

- CMS is very clear
  - What is expected of the IP professional
  - How your program is judged
  - Use of nationally recognized IC guidelines
    - AORN
    - APIC
    - CDC
    - AAMI
    - WHO

The Role of the Governing Body

- Empowerment
- Development / Approval of the IC Program
- Approval of Guidelines / Policies / Procedures

QAPI

- Goals
- Benchmarking
- Review of Infections
- Implementation of process change
- Studies
- Results/change
- Restudy

Education

- Education of the IP Professional
- Staff Education
  - SPD
  - Nurses
  - Techs
  - Office Personnel
  - Physicians
    - PA/NP Staff
- Environmental Services Personnel

Education Resources

- Vendors
- On-line programs
  - Self study
  - Webinar
- Live conferences
- CDC/WHO
- Professional Organization Chapters
  - AORN
  - APIC
  - IASCHMM

Surveillance

- Infection Reporting
  - Trending – CDC Spreadsheet
- "Secret Shoppers"
  - Hand Hygiene
  - Sharp Safety
  - Medication Technique
  - Attire
  - Staff Cleaning Techniques
- Implant Tracking
- Staff Need Surveys
- Environmental Services Observation

Everything's in Place – Now What?

- Information Sharing
  - Communicate, Communicate, Communicate
  - Staying Up-to-date
    - Participate in professional organization
    - Participate in state ASC Association
    - Know your state DHS / DQA personnel
    - Sign up for informational newsletters
- Do every day what you're going to do when the surveyors show up!

Resources

- SOM
- http://www.cms.gov/manuals/Downloads/som107ap_l_ambulatory.pdf
- 3M
- http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/infection-prevention_solutions/home/?WT.mc_id=www.3M.com/infectionprevention
- infection control professor offers CEUs & courses
- http://www.icprofessor.com/index.php

Resources, Cont.

APIC
http://www.apic.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home1
CDC & hicpac
http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/guidelines/eic_in_HCF_03.pdf
GI
http://www.sgna.org/Home.aspx
health care professional blog center
http://blogs.hcpro.com/accreditationcenter/2009/01/reconsider-dating-open-multidose-vials/

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