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GREETINGS FROM QUALITY INSIGHTS RENAL NETWORK 4

Welcome to the October issue of the Quality Insights Renal Network 4 e-newsletter. In this issue, we bring you information about, updated recommendations for measles in healthcare settings, an update on antibiotic use in the United States, upcoming webinar opportunities, CMS updates, upcoming events and more. We encourage you to [contact us](#) with any questions, concerns or suggestions.



FACILITY-LED PATIENT EDUCATION TOPIC OF THE MONTH: GET INVOLVED WITH THE NETWORK

We will provide a Network 4 Patient Education Sheet each month in 2019.

Please provide all of your patients with

this education sheet each month. Also, we ask that you please encourage your facility's Patient Representatives to pass out this educational information.

- [Get Involved with the Network by Becoming a PAC Member or SME](#)



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UPDATED INTERIM INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEASLES IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

CDC's updated [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Measles in Healthcare Settings](#) can help clinicians protect against the spread of measles. Measles is most commonly spread from person to person either at home or in public settings, but it can also spread in healthcare settings. While the most important way to prevent the spread of measles is community vaccination, core measles prevention in healthcare settings requires a multi-faceted approach including:

- Ensuring healthcare personnel (HCP) have presumptive evidence of immunity to measles
- Rapidly identifying and isolating patients with known or suspected measles
- Adhering to Standard and Airborne Precautions for patients with known or suspected measles
- Routinely promoting and facilitating respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette
- Appropriately managing exposed and ill HCP

CDC's interim guidance should be implemented as part of a comprehensive infection prevention program to prevent the spread of germs among patients, healthcare providers, and visitors.

UPDATE ON ANTIBIOTIC USE IN THE UNITED STATES: PROGRESS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Last month the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [Antibiotic Use in the United States: Progress and Opportunities, 2018 Update](#), which is an update to CDC's 2017 antibiotic stewardship report. Improving antibiotic use is important to effectively treat infections, protect patients from harms caused by unnecessary antibiotic use, and combat antibiotic resistance, one of the most urgent threats to the public's health.

Progress has been made in improving antibiotic prescribing and use, but many opportunities remain. Help spread the word about this updated report by:

- **Reading the report.** This updated report highlights data from 2018 studies, program activities, and resources related to antibiotic prescribing and use in healthcare settings.
- **Sharing the report broadly with your network and partners.** This report also includes examples of antibiotic stewardship improvements in outpatient, inpatient, and long-term care settings from healthcare facilities and organizations across the country.
- **Joining the conversation about antibiotic stewardship on social media.** Like and share CDC's antibiotic stewardship content on LinkedIn and Twitter (@CDC_NCEZID).

NETWORKS PARTNER WITH MTPPI TO HOST FREE WEBINARS ON PCORI FINDINGS

This fall, together with Medical Technology and Practice Patterns Institute (MTPPI), Quality Insights Renal Networks 3, 4 and 5 is providing a series of free webinars targeted to patients, dialysis facility staff, and nephrologists. The webinars disseminate findings from Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) studies. Registration is required for each webinar and continuing education credit will be provided to nurses and social workers, for some of the events.* See additional details below:

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. EST

Depression in Dialysis Patients - *For Dialysis Professionals*

Speaker: Dr. Rajnish Mehrotra

Audience: Dialysis facility staff, nephrologists

**Continuing Education Credit offered to all nurses and social workers*

[Register today.](#)



Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. EST

Patient Peer-Mentoring - *For Dialysis Professionals*

Speaker: Dr. Nasrollah Ghahramani

Audience: Dialysis facility staff, nephrologists

**Continuing Education Credit offered to all nurses and social workers*

[Register today.](#)

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. EST

Patient Peer-Mentoring - *For Patients*

Speakers: Dr. Nasrollah Ghahramani

Audience: Dialysis Patients

**Continuing Education Credit NOT OFFERED*

[Register today.](#)

Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. EST

Shared Decision Making - Renal Supportive Care

Speakers: Dr. Joan Berzoff and Jenny Kitsen

Audience: Social Workers

**Continuing Education Credit offered to all nurses and social workers*

[Register today.](#)

CDC/STRIVE ANNOUNCES FREE INFECTION CONTROL TRAINING COURSES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced the launch of the first two of 11 new infection control training courses, **Hand Hygiene** and **Competency-Based Training**.

These courses are part of the new [States Targeting Reduction in Infections via Engagement \(STRIVE\)](#) curriculum intended for the infection prevention team, hospital leaders, clinical educators, nurse and physician managers, environmental services managers, all patient care staff, and patient/family advisors. Additional courses will be launched over the summer.

These training courses were developed by national infection prevention experts led by the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

All courses are free and offer continuing education (CE).

Access the new courses at the [STRIVE training page](#).

The STRIVE curriculum will include over forty individual training modules grouped into 11 courses that focus on Foundational and Targeted infection prevention strategies.

Foundational Infection Prevention Strategies

- [Competency-Based Training](#) (available now)
- [Hand Hygiene](#) (available now)
- Strategies for Preventing HAIs
- Environmental Cleaning
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Patient and Family Engagement

Targeted Infection Prevention Strategies

- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)
- Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) Bacteremia
- *Clostridioides difficile* Infection (CDI)
- Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)

CMS Updates

NHSN TO BEGIN COLLECTING INDIVIDUAL DIALYSIS EVENT DATES IN 2020

The National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) will begin collecting individual dialysis event dates in 2020. Currently, related events are reported on one form, with one event date (for example, positive blood culture and a related IV antimicrobial start). NHSN is moving toward collecting an individual event date



for each event type, even if the events are related. Individual event date fields will be optional in 2020 and required by 2021. [Download this overview](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to learn more. For questions, please email nhsn@cdc.gov and put "dialysis" in the subject line.

TRANSITION PERIOD FOR NEW MEDICARE CARD ENDS SOON

Starting January 1, 2020, you must use the Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). Claims submitted with the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) will be rejected, with [a few exceptions](#) and reject all eligibility transactions. Protect your patients' identities by using MBIs now for all Medicare transactions. Ask your patient for his or her card. If he or she did not get a new card, give them the Get Your New Medicare Card flyer in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). For more information, see the [MLN Matters article](#).

ICH CAHPS REMINDER AND RESOURCES

Remember to check the official web site for the [ICH CAHPS Survey](#) regularly for updated information about the ICH CAHPS Survey. Also, consider checking out the following resources:

- [Star Ratings Methodology](#)
- [2017 Fall and 2018 Spring National and State Averages](#)
- [Coefficients and Star Ratings for Results Posted on the DFC](#)

Education

FREE CEU OPPORTUNITY: NAHQ WEBINAR ON SURVEYS

Join the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) for a complimentary webinar, *Looking Ahead to 2020: Preparing for Surveys in the New Year* on **November 6 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. CT.**

This *Industry Insights* webinar will review trends and patterns in The Joint Commission and CMS survey findings, while outlining the best way to prepare for routine and for-cause surveys in the coming year.

Webinar participants will learn how to:

- Implement new and revised Joint Commission and CMS requirements
- Manage leadership expectations with respect to survey results in the new year
- Design an effective approach to survey preparation and response

Speaker:

Bud Pate, VP, Compliance Content, The Greeley Company

[Register today.](#)

ESRD Resources

LATEST EDITION OF *KCER WATCH* NOW AVAILABLE

The KCER Watch [September newsletter](#) is full of important information for facilities and patients coming into the Hurricane Season. The newsletter addresses the following topics.

- National Preparedness Month
- KCER Emergency Preparedness Week
- Storm Surge Danger
- Emergency Preparedness Planning for the Kidney Community
- Rx Open is Ready to Help in the Event of an Emergency
- Don't Be a Victim: Avoid Fraud after the Storm



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This bi-weekly e-newsletter will serve as our primary method of communicating important news and updates. We encourage you to visit our Web site for the most up-to-date information or to contact us with questions, comments or suggestions.

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