



## March 2012

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE**  
*The ICNC*  
*Annual*  
*Spring Seminar*  
*Hot Topics in Infection Prevention*  
*Friday, April 27, 2012*  
*7:45 am – 4:00 pm*

*Registration begins at 7:45 am*  
*at the Aqua Turf Club*  
*556 Mulberry Street*  
*Plantsville, CT 06479*  
*\$80 members*  
*\$100 non-members*

5 great speakers on assorted subjects: wound care; epidemiology; ESBLs; antibiotic stewardship and stress reduction!!!

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



### Vaccinations:

**Tdap:** (Tetanus Diphtheria and Pertussis) The Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices (ACIP) votes to extend the age recommendation for Tdap vaccine to adults age 65 years and older. Pertussis is on the rise in adults and is very difficult to diagnose as they often do not have the two hallmark symptoms seen in children- the whoop and emesis after coughing. Pertussis may be an important contributor to pneumonia hospitalizations in older people.

**Flu:** WHO recommends influenza vaccine composition for the 2012-13:

- An A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus

- An A/Victoria/361/2011 (H3N2)-like virus
- A B/Wisconsin/1/2010-like virus

**HPV:** The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that boys age 11 and older should receive the Gardasil human papillomavirus vaccine.

## **Precautions Can Lead to Delirium:**

A study conducted at the University of Maryland Medical Center indicates that patients moved to isolation during a hospital stay are nearly twice as likely to develop delirium. Patients beginning their stays in isolation do not share this increased risk.

## **FDA Warns Public of Risks of Using PPIs:**

Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) may be associated with a higher risk for C-Difficile associated diarrhea (CDAD) according to the FDA. The warning covers both prescription and over-the-counter PPIs. The FDA is advising clinicians to consider a diagnosis of CDAD for patients taking PPIs who have diarrhea that does not go away. As a precaution, patients should take the lowest dose of a PPI only as long as it is needed.

# **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**“EPI 201™ - Beyond the Fundamentals: Enhancing Practice Using Epidemiologic Principles”**

**The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)  
Presents:**

**This ADVANCED training course is sponsored by the Connecticut DPH Healthcare  
Associated Infections Program**

**Join us for this FREE training!**

**MAY 7-10, 2012**

**Hotel: TBD**

**Registration / Continental Breakfast: 6:30 a.m. - 7: 30 a.m.**

**Training: 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**EPI 201™ is a 3.5 day intermediate level course designed for those who have worked in infection prevention and control for 6 to 18 months, as well as those who are ready to move to the next level of critical thinking regarding the best practice and outcomes of an infection prevention and control program.**

**Registration coming soon on TrainConnecticut.**

# **RESOURCES**

**STOP THE SPREAD OF NOROVIRUS POSTER (clinicians)**

[http://patientsafetyauthority.org/EducationalTools/PatientSafetyTools/norovirus/Documents/Norovirus%20posters\\_Final\\_Clinicians.pdf](http://patientsafetyauthority.org/EducationalTools/PatientSafetyTools/norovirus/Documents/Norovirus%20posters_Final_Clinicians.pdf)

**STOP THE SPREAD OF NOROVIRUS POSTER (patients)**

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The Clean Spaces, Healthy Patients project delivers free online tools and resources for infection preventionists and environmental services professionals. Led by a multidisciplinary panel of clinical advisors, Clean Spaces, Healthy Patients brings together existing infection prevention and environmental services education and develops new companion resources. APIC, in collaboration with the Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE), is focused on improving patient outcomes by building a stronger bridge between infection preventionists and environmental services professionals.

<http://cleanspaces.site.apic.org/>



<http://www.apic.org/For-Consumers/IP-and-You>

