



## HAI/Sepsis LAN Workgroup Monthly Update



Good afternoon HAI LAN Workgroup and stakeholders. Here are some important HAI updates and resources for the month of June, including details to attend our Quarterly HAI LAN Workgroup Call this Friday at 3pm CST.

### **\_Hand Hygiene:**

The Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings provides healthcare providers with a review of scientific data regarding hand antisepsis and handwashing in healthcare settings including:

- Indications for handwashing and hand antisepsis
- Hand hygiene technique
- Surgical hand antisepsis
- Selection of hand hygiene agents
- Skin care
- Other aspects of hand hygiene

### **Guidelines for hand Hygiene in Healthcare**

Setting <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5116.pdf>

**Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings** <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/isolation-guidelines.pdf>

### **Did you know...???**

- Hospitalization for infection now surpasses that of cardiovascular disease
  - Infection control procedures are still the number one citation in state reviews of dialysis centers
- **Educate your staff on [PROPER hand washing techniques](#) using instructions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).**

### **\_From CDC: What You Need to Know About Infection Control:**

- **CDC offers two education courses for healthcare providers on hand hygiene.**

- **Hand Hygiene, Glove Use, and Preventing Transmission of C. difficile (2017) – WD2703.** This course is a supplement to the below course, **Hand Hygiene & Other Standard Precautions to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections (2005)**. Free continuing education is available and this course is **SCORM compliant**.

+ Courses can be accessed on the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/providers/training/index.html>



**\_ FDA News Release: FDA Tackles Drug Competition to Improve Patient Access**

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm564725.htm>

For more FDA information: [www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfRes/res.cfm?ID=149342](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfRes/res.cfm?ID=149342)



➤ Click the following link to fully access the HAI infographic

<https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/stateplans/factsheets/tx.pdf>

**Questions about NHSN? Contact us at [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov) with "Dialysis" in the subject line and we will respond to your inquiry within 5 business days.**

**\_Also:**

For NHSN training and questions: Please email [NHSNtrain@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSNtrain@cdc.gov)



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## \_News and Other Updates:

**NEW!!!** The June 2017 Edition of DCHHS' Newsletter, Public Health Preparedness Update, is Now Available Online [here](#)

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## PREPAREDNESS UPDATE



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[www.dallascounty.org/hhs](http://www.dallascounty.org/hhs)

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Community and Employee Health and Wellness Fair	Healthy Communities Healthy Schools Fair National HIV/Testing Day June 27 : We're Doing It Case for Preventing Teen Pregnancy	Home Loan Counseling Center (HLCC) Celebrates National Homeownership Month



**Webinars, Newsblasts, Newsletters, Toolkits and More!!!!**



## \_ Vascular Access Matters Newsletter:



The Network has developed a monthly Vascular Access Newsletter in order to provide resources and additional technical support to facilities. This monthly Newsletter aims to provide supportive activities and available resources for dialysis professionals and stakeholders in the area of vascular access.

**June Newsletter is attached as a file in this email and it contain functional links to retrieve the following resources regarding Vascular Access:**

1. [Atlas of Dialysis Vascular Access](#)
2. [Vascular Access Monitoring – Complete Guide](#)

### **Continuing Education, Webinars, Conferences for Healthcare Providers, and more...**

Whole Genome Sequencing Conference  
**JULY 26, 2017 • AUSTIN, TEXAS**  
Commons Learning Center  
2901 Read Granberry Trail, Austin, TX 78758

The purpose of this symposium is to offer a state-of-the-art seminar on the role of whole genome sequencing and advanced molecular biology **to boost the epidemiology of infectious diseases and patient care**. The target audience is public health practitioners, clinicians, researchers, and students with an interest in infectious diseases and whole genome sequencing. See attached flyer for more details.

Attendance is free, but advance registration by July 21 is required

**Register Now at <http://tinyurl.com/wgs-con17-register>**

## Feedback!!!

\_ Please continue to submit your comments, thoughts, articles, topics and ideas so we can all share and learn more from each other's experiences.

\_ We will start sending an article or pre-work item to discuss during future "quarterly calls". Feel free to send us your suggestions

\_ What can we at the Network contribute to the HAI LAN Work Group and what are some expectations the Work Group members have of us?

\_ We would like to Thank all of you for the feedback, suggestions and willingness to share your knowledge with one another every month.

## Announcements!!!



## Quarterly Call

We will have our HAI LAN Workgroup Call on Friday June 30, 2017 at 3pm Central time. Please register by following the link below. Agenda is included below as well. Looking forward to speaking with all of you.

**Meeting Title:**  
Network 14 - HAI LAN Workgroup Meeting

**Host(s):**  
DANY ANCHIA

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**Date & Time:**  
Fri, Jun 30, 2017, 3:00 PM Central Daylight Time

**Meeting Type:**  
Web & Audio

**Audio Details:**  
Dial-In Number(s):  
U.S. & Canada: 800.747.5150  
Access Code: 1073175

**Registration Link:**  
<https://cc.callinfo.com/r/1cco8m9grvek2&eom>

Here is the agenda for the call:

### **Agenda**

1. 3 pm Roll call (Dany Anchia, RN, QI Coordinator)
2. 3:05 pm - Purpose of the call and opening remarks (Dany)  
Acknowledge PAC members attending  
3:05pm presentations begin
3. Presentations
  - Overview and update on BSI and Hypercalcemia projects (Lead: Lydia Omogah).
  - Dany Anchia: Overview and Update on LTC and Vaccinations projects.
  - **Featured Presentation on LTC Success Story:** Facility success story with LTC Project (30% LTC rate in Jan and is at 18% and improving as of May since beginning of the project in February). Ms. Claudio will share their barriers, interventions, achievements, and how they plan to sustain their achievements and continue to make improvements moving forward and making a difference reducing infections.
4. Questions/Comments/Open Discussion?
5. **Feedback on HAI LAN Monthly Updates content:** what tools or resources have been implemented and how. What resources have been useful? Examples of resources shared during previous HAI LAN Monthly Updates include the following:
  - Patient stories (i.e., "The other side of antibiotics" video)
  - Antibiotic Stewardship initiatives
  - FDA recalls and updates
  - Texas Department of State Health services updates and resources
  - National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) bulletins and resources (Training Modules)

- Dallas Health and Human Services Newsletters and Updates
- Vascular Access Matters Newsletter
- Webinars and CE opportunities
- Toolkits (i.e., Infection Control Toolkit, CLABSI in the Home Care Setting Toolkit)
- Workgroup Calls and Presentations (TMF – Antibiotic Stewardship, DSHS – Dialysis ICAR Program)
- Awareness Days/Weeks/Months resources (i.e., National handwashing Awareness Week, National Influenza Vaccination, etc.) and tools/resources included with those
- CDC updates and tools (9 core interventions, Conversation Starter to Prevent Infections, CDC Guidelines for Catheters and Medication Administration, etc.)
- Other???

Please provide feedback on the content of the HAI LAN Monthly Update you receive from me every month by answering the following questions during the call:

How have any of these resources been utilized or implemented?  
 Have providers been impacted by any of these resources? If so, how?  
 Have patients been impacted in any way? If so, how?

Best regards,

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