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Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative

HAI Consumer Brochures in Spanish

The ISDH Healthcare Associated Infection Consumer Brochure is available to Indiana health care facilities, organizations, and individuals at no cost. The brochures come in packets of 50 brochures or single copies. To order brochures, contact Nancy Gilbert of the Indiana State Department of Health at (317) 233-7616 or ngilbert@isdh.in.gov.

HAI Educational Module in Spanish

As part of the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative, the ISDH created three online education modules. The third module on *What are HAI?* was released in October 2011. That module has now been translated into Spanish and is available on the ISDH Web site through the Health Care Quality Resource Center home page at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/24555.htm> or Healthcare Associated Infection Resource Center at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/24769.htm>.

CDC *Clostridium difficile* Report

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a report on *Clostridium difficile* in medical facilities. The [MMWR Report](#) and [CDC Clostridium difficile Fact Sheet](#) are now available. The following are a few of the new CDC website resources available for assisting in prevention efforts:

- CDC's updated *C. difficile* page: http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/organisms/cdiff/Cdiff_infect.html
- CDC Vital Signs fact sheet: www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/hai
- CDC Vital Signs Audio Podcast: Stop *C. difficile* infections available in English and Spanish: <http://www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/index.asp>
- Tracking *C. difficile* infection - CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (already available): www.cdc.gov/nhsn and new Emerging Infections Program website: <http://www.cdc.gov/hai/eip/index.html>
- CDC Safe Healthcare Blog from MMWR lead author, Dr. Cliff McDonald: <http://blogs.cdc.gov/safehealthcare>

Division Director Appointment

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is pleased to announce the selection of Courtney Hamilton, RN, as the Director for the Division of Healthcare Education and Quality. The Division is one of five divisions in the Healthcare Quality and Regulatory Commission with primary responsibilities as part of the health care facility licensing and certification survey program. Among other responsibilities, the Division coordinates training of state surveyors, coordinates the survey data, and administers the aide registry. The Director is also a significant contributor to healthcare quality improvement projects and initiatives.

Courtney graduated in 2001 from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. In 2009 she received a Master's Degree in Nursing from Xavier University. Courtney is currently enrolled at IUPUI in the Masters of Public Health Program in Health Policy and Management.

Since November 2010 Courtney has been employed at the ISDH as a Public Health Nurse Surveyor for the Division of Long Term Care. She completed quality indicator survey (QIS) certification and is serving as a QIS Trainer. Courtney previously worked at a hospital as a nurse on their acute rehabilitation and medical surgical unit. She also has worked as a home health case manager, a therapeutic program worker, and county communications training officer.

Recalls

February 28, 2012

Flight Medical V24-00400-29 Cable for Newport HT50 Ventilator: Class I Recall - Cable May Cause an Electrical Shortage That can Cause Ventilators to Shutdown Unexpectedly

ISSUE: The recalled cable may cause an electrical shortage that can cause Newport HT50 ventilators manufactured prior to 2007 to shutdown unexpectedly.

BACKGROUND: The V24-00400-20 cable is an accessory intended to transfer the alarm signal from a Newport HT50 ventilator to a nurse station. The affected cables were distributed between April 25, 2007 and July 6, 2011. A total of 328 cables were distributed within the US.

RECOMMENDATIONS: On August 23, 2011, Flight Medical sent an urgent Recall Notice to affected customers through its distributor, Newport Medical. Affected customers were advised to take the following actions:

- Stop using the alarm cable immediately
- Contact Newport Medical in order to receive an upgraded version of the cable free of charge.
- Customer inquiries related to this action should be addressed to Newport Medical's Technical Service Group at 1-800-451-3111, extension 500.
- Affected cables should be disposed of according to local municipal guidelines.

Staff Update

The following is a staff update for February 2012 for the ISDH Division of Long Term Care.

New Long Term Care Surveyors:

Shannon Pietraszewski - Public Health Nurse Surveyor 3, assigned to Survey Area 1, effective February 20, 2012

Transfers

Lois Corbin - Public Health Nurse Surveyor 3, Lateral transfer from the Education and Training Program to the Complaint and Incident Intake Program, effective February 27, 2012

Departures

Richard Schade - Medical Surveyor 3, Life Safety Code Section, effective February 7, 2012



We look forward to seeing you at the ISDH Healthcare Leadership Conference on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. The Leadership Conference will focus on Patient Safety. [Online Registration](#) is now available for the conference.

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