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HICPAC Infection Control Guidelines Survey

The Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) advises the CDC on guideline development and other policy statements regarding the prevention of nosocomial infections. To address the needs of the infection control community further, HICPAC seeks input from SHEA members and other readers of SHEA News in identifying priority topics for future HICPAC/Hospital Infections Program infection control guidelines. Please complete the following survey.

SHEA Member since 19__ or Not a SHEA member _____

Current job title: _____

State in which you work: _____

Type of facility/agency (check only one): ___ acute-care ___ long-term-care
 ___ home health ___ rehabilitation
 ___ other, specify _____

Facility affiliation (check only one): ___ university-affiliated ___ community, teaching ___ community, nonteaching
 ___ other, specify _____

Facility bed size: ___ <100 ___ 100-249 ___ 250-500 ___ >500

Please rank the following topic areas by order of priority (1=least important; 11=most important).

___ Antimicrobial use and resistance

___ Creutzfeld-Jacob disease

___ Environmental issues and engineering controls

___ Handwashing

___ Infection control in ambulatory settings

___ Infection control during invasive procedures (eg, cardiac catheterization, interventional radiology, etc)

___ Preventing infections in immunocompromised patients

___ Prevention of urinary tract infections

___ Skin integrity and infection control (eg, burn patients)

___ Role of the microbiology laboratory in infection control

___ Other, specify _____

For access to educational programs on the Internet/web, please indicate which, if any, of the following are available to you (please check all that apply):

___ 386 computer

___ 486 computer

___ Pentium computer

___ modem

___ other, specify _____

___ I have no means of accessing online educational programs

Please return the completed survey by April 15, 1998, to HICPAC Guidelines Survey, Attn: Michele L. Pearson, MD, CDC, Mailstop E-69, 1600 Clifton Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30333; fax, 404-639-6458.

Reminder: SHEA Eighth Annual Scientific Meeting, April 5-7

The program for the SHEA Eighth Annual Scientific Meeting at the Hilton Walt Disney World Village in Orlando may be downloaded from the SHEA home page (<http://www.medscape.com/SHEA>) or obtained from SHEA meeting management at 609-423-0087 (fax, 609-423-3420). Although early (discounted) pre-registration closes on March 20, it is likely that registration for the workshops on April 4, as well as for the meeting, will be available on-site. (Please contact SHEA Meeting Management as soon as possible to assure your workshop space).