



## 2016 SYMPOSIUM ON INFECTION PREVENTION CONTROL IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

### OVERVIEW

On September 28, 2016, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) Acute Communicable Disease Control (ACDC) program in collaboration with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) Greater Los Angeles Chapter held a symposium for key county skilled nursing facility (SNF) staff responsible for infectious disease outbreak prevention and control. Representatives from SNFs included directors of nursing, administrators, and infection preventionists. Due to the large number of SNFs in LAC, over 315, attendance was limited to two representatives per facility. The goals of the symposium were to improve partnerships between SNFs and LAC DPH as well as to improve prevention and control of infectious diseases in the SNF setting, antimicrobial stewardship programs, and management of multi-drug resistant organisms (MDROs).

### SUMMARY

A total of 80 attendees from 57 local SNFs attended the day-long event. In addition, the event included 22 attendees from ACDC, APIC Greater LA Chapter, representatives from several nursing home consulting companies, nursing home corporate consultants, laboratory-serving SNFs, and partnering agencies.

The topics for this event focused primarily on the prevention and control of infectious diseases that are common in SNF settings and greatly impact the vulnerable population cared for in these settings. The presenters were representatives from ACDC and guest speakers from the Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology, Health Services Advisory Group, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), and other organizations. The agenda was as follows:

<b>2016 Infection Control &amp; Prevention In Skilled Nursing Facilities Symposium Agenda</b>	
8:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	<b><i>Welcome and Opening Remarks</i></b> Ben Schwartz, MD – LAC DPH Acute Communicable Disease Control Angela Vassallo, MPH, MS, CIC, FAPIC - Director, Infection Prevention, Providence Saint John’s Health Center and President-Elect, CA APIC
9:00 AM	Dawn Terashita, MD, MPH – LAC DPH Acute Communicable Disease Control <b><i>Outbreaks: What Skilled Nursing Facilities Need to Know</i></b>
10:00 AM	Break
10:10 AM	Dolly Greene, RN, CIC - Director of Clinical Services, Diagnostic Laboratories and Radiology <b><i>Best Practices in MDRO Management in LTACs</i></b>
11:10 AM	Wendy Manuel, MPH – LAC DPH - <b><i>Influenza in Skilled Nursing Facilities</i></b> Karen Cho, RN – LAC DPH - <b><i>Infection Prevention Assessments in SNFs</i></b>



12:10 PM	Lunch
12:40 PM	Ravina Kullar, PharmD, MPH - Infectious Diseases Scientific Director, Southern CA/Las Vegas Global Center for Scientific Affairs, Merck Research Laboratories Merck & Co., Inc. <b><i>Antimicrobial Stewardship: Going Beyond the Inpatient Setting to LTACs and SNFs</i></b>
1:40 PM	Break
1:50 PM	James A. McKinnell, MD - Assistant Professor of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA <b><i>Antimicrobial Stewardship in LTACs and SNFs</i></b>
2:50 PM	Michael Wasserman, MD, CMD – Executive Director, Care Continuum, Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) <b><i>CA Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative and the Reducing C. difficile Project Update</i></b>
3:50 PM	Closing remarks

In addition to presentations, each attendee received a folder with the following materials and APIC IP Guide to LTC (Infection Prevention Guide to Long-Term Care Book):

- Los Angeles County List of Reportable Diseases and Conditions
- Antimicrobial Stewardship Guidelines Pocket Card
- CDPH Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing Flow Chart—For Adults
- Los Angeles County Infection Prevention Transfer Form
- Infection Control Assessment Tool for Long-Term Care Facilities (CDC)
- Additional Resource Materials for Infection Prevention and Control
- Listing of Useful Resources and Websites
- Packets with
  - Influenza Outbreak Prevention and Control Guidelines
  - Scabies Prevention and Control Guidelines: Acute and Long-Term Care Facilities
  - Norovirus Outbreak Prevention Toolkit
  - Health Education Materials for Influenza and Scabies
- Antibiotic Stewardship materials – posters, educational brochures, and etc.
  - “Treat True Infections, Not Colonization” Poster (English)
  - “Reassess Antibiotics at 48 Hours” Poster (English)
  - “Cold or Flu. Antibiotics Don’t Work for You.” (English/Spanish)
- Hand Sanitizers



Many of these documents and materials were developed specifically for this event. These materials and an archive of the presentations are available on the ACDC website.<sup>1</sup>

Overall, the symposium was very well received, and the representatives from the SNFs urged LAC DPH to host additional trainings to provide further guidance on other topics including antibiotic resistant infections. ACDC plans to hold another symposium in 2017 as these trainings have become an annual event.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/SNF.htm](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/SNF.htm)

