

## The following communication from the office of Dr. Marisa D'Angeli at Washington Department of Health:

As healthcare professionals, we have a responsibility to provide quality care for every patient in every healthcare encounter. Infection prevention—including standard and risk-based precautions; hand hygiene; respiratory hygiene; injection safety; environmental cleaning; and reprocessing of reusable medical equipment—require constant vigilance. Recent large infection prevention lapses show that infection prevention expertise, adherence to policies and procedures, and job- or task-specific infection prevention training and assessment of competency on a regular basis are essential for protecting patients and staff from avoidable harm.

Please refer to the following documents and seek out other necessary resource materials to ensure that healthcare provided by you, or provided under your supervision, meets these standards of safety.

### **General--**

2008 Guideline for Disinfection, and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities

[http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/Disinfection\\_Sterilization/1\\_sumIntroMethTerms.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/Disinfection_Sterilization/1_sumIntroMethTerms.html)

Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Healthcare Facilities

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5210a1.htm>

Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5116.pdf>

2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings [http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/2007IP/2007ip\\_ExecSummary.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/2007IP/2007ip_ExecSummary.html)

Guideline for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection, 1999

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/guidelines/SSI.pdf>

### **Drug-resistant Organisms--**

Management of Multi-drug Resistant Organisms in Healthcare Settings, 2006

[http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/mdro/mdro\\_toc.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/mdro/mdro_toc.html)

### **Healthcare Personnel--**

Influenza Vaccination of Health-Care Personnel, 2006

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5502a1.htm>

Guideline for Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel 1998

<http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/InfectControl98.pdf>

### **Specialized Settings--**

Recommendations for Preventing Transmission of Infections Among Chronic Hemodialysis Patients available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5005a1.htm>

### **Key Links for Additional Information--**

CDC Website on Healthcare-associated infections: [www.cdc.gov/hai](http://www.cdc.gov/hai)

CDC Website on Hand Hygiene in Healthcare facilities: [www.cdc.gov/handhygiene](http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene)

CDC Website on Injection Safety: [www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety](http://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety)

CDC's *One & Only Campaign*: [www.oneandonlycampaign.org](http://www.oneandonlycampaign.org)

CDC Website on Influenza: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

Respectfully yours,

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