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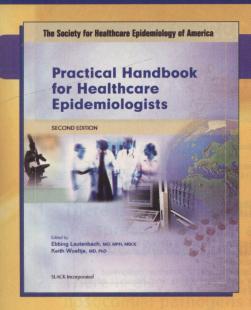
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2004 SHEA/CDC Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology

October 16-19, 2004

Program

The program will be held October 16-19, 2004 at the Baltimore Marriot Inner Harbor Hotel. Denise Cardo, MD, David Warren, MD, and Timothy W. Lane, MD will chair this program. The program, developed by the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is intended for infectious disease fellows and new hospital epidemiologists. It emphasizes hands-on exercises in which participants work in small groups to detect, investigate, and control epidemiological problems encountered in a hospital setting. These work sessions are supplemented with lectures and seminars covering fundamental aspects of hospital epidemiology and surveillance, epidemic investigation, transmission and control of nosocomial infections, disinfection and sterilization, employee health, isolation systems, regulatory compliance, and quality improvement.

Who Should Attend
You should attend if you are a hospital epidemiologist or an infection control practitioner, or if you are looking for a course that will provide you with the most current information concerning infection control practices and apidemiological methods in healthcare. This fundamental program will provide you with opportunities to find solutions in real situations that will occur in the hospital setting. Intensive problem solving sessions are supplemented with lectures and seminars presented by leading authorities.

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Interested fellows must submit a letter of no more than one (1) page describing why they would like to have additional training in hospital

epidemiology. A letter from the fellow's program director outlining the applicant's qualifications and suitability for course is also required. The deadline for receipt of scholarship applications for the course is October 4, 2004. The SHEA Educational Activities Committee will select the scholarship recipients based on review of these letters. Winners will be notified on October 8, 2004.

Nominations

Please send scholarship applications to: SHEA/CDC

66 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 600 Alexandria, VA 22314

Fees

Individual Registrants: \$625 Fellows in Infectious Disease:

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The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America designated this continuing education activity for up to 24.5 credits in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

General Course Information

Information regarding the schedule, hotel, and travel accommodations, discount airfare, and course fees is available online at www.shea-online.org or at SHEA's office (703) 684-1006. NOTE THAT APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP DOES NOT COUNT AS ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM, Enrollment must be made separately.

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(703) 684-1006 or sheahq@shea-online.org.

HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTION: REQUEST FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PARTNERS (TO GENERATE DATA FOR PUBLICATION)

MRSA

■ Acinetobacter spp.

viruses

■ VRE

■ Clostridium difficile

fungi

- 1. There is increasing evidence that the environment is contributing significantly to the spread of hospital acquired infection. (This contrasts with the historic view that the environment did not contribute to infection acquisition rates.)
- 2. There is also evidence that the hospital environment is contaminated with nosocomial pathogens and conventional cleaning methods are not effective.
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