An Official Journal of The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

PUBLISHED FOR THE SOCIETY BY SLACK INCORPORATED

## INFECTION CONTROL AND HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY®

### EDITORIAL

Impact of Nosocomial Infections on Outcome: Myths and Evidence Jordi Rello, MD, PhD	392
PRIGINAL ARTICLES	
Attributable Morbidity and Mortality of Catheter-Related Septicemia in Critically III Patients: A Matched, Risk-Adjusted, Cohort Study LILIA SOUFIR, MD; JEAN-FRANÇOIS TIMSIT, MD; CÉDRIC MAHE, MD; JEAN CARLET, MD; BERNARD REGNIER, MD; SYLVIE CHEVRET, MD, PHD	396
Risk Assessment for Surgical-Site Infections in Orthopedic Patients	
Annette S. de Boer, MSc; A. Joke Mintjes-de Groot, PhD; Antonius J. Severijnen, PhD; Jan Maarten J. van den Berg, MD; Wilfrid van Pelt, PhD	402
Nosocomial Methicillin-Resistant and Methicillin-Susceptible Staphylococcus aureus Primary Bacteremia: At What Costs? Murray A. Abramson, MD; Daniel J. Sexton, MD	408
A Survey of Methods Used to Detect Nosocomial Legionellosis Among Participants in the National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance System Anthony E. Fiore, MD, MPH; Jay C. Butler, MD; T. Grace Emori, RN, MS; Robert P. Gaynes, MD	412
Vancomycin Use in a University Medical Center: Effect of a Vancomycin Continuation Form Martin E. Evans, MD; Eric T. Millheim, PharmD; Robert P. Rapp, PharmD	417
Nosocomial Tuberculosis Exposure in an Outpatient Setting: Evaluation of Patients Exposed to Healthcare Providers With Tuberculosis NAOMI N. BOCK, MD; MARK J. SOTIR, MPH; PATRICIA L. PARROTT, RN, CIC; HENRY M. BLUMBERG, MD	42
ONCISE COMMUNICATIONS	
<b>Treatment of a</b> <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> -Colonized Water Distribution System Using Copper-Silver Ionization and Continuous Chlorination Amaya Biurrun, MD; Luis Caballero, MD; Carmen Pelaz, PhD; Elena León, ICP; Alberto Gago, MD	420
Effect of Zidovudine Postexposure Prophylaxis on the Development of HIV-Specific Cytotoxic T-Lymphocyte Responses in HIV-Exposed Healthcare Workers Ronnie D'Amico, DO; Ligia A. Pinto, MD; Peter Meyer, PhD; Alan L. Landay, PhD; Alan A. Harris, MD; Mario Clerici, MD; Jay A. Berzofsky, MD, PhD; Gene M. Shearer, PhD; Harold A. Kessler, MD	420
Occupational Exposure and Voluntary Human Immunodeficiency Virus Testing: A Survey of Maryland Hospitals Liza Solomon, DrPH; Charlotte Thompson, MS; Linda Squiers, PhD; Karen Wulff, BS; Georges Benjamin, MD	43

Continued inside.

## **Reducing the incidence of nosocomial UTI** e you even on the map?

### The BARDEX<sup>®</sup> I.C. Foley Catheter can put you there.

Each year, over 900,000 nosocomial urinary tract infections occur in hospitals throughout the U.S. - seriously impacting quality of care.

The silver and hydrogel-coated BARDEX I.C. Foley Catheter has been proven to reduce the incidence of NUTIs. The published examples noted below are just a few of the more than 600 success stories involving hospitals that significantly reduced infection rates and costs after converting to the BARDEX I.C. system.

For more information on the BARDEX I.C. Foley Catheter, contact your BARD Representative or call 1-800-526-4455. You can also visit our website at www.bardmedical.com.

U of W

Madison, WI

Kaiser Permanente Sunnyside Clackmas, OR 12,178 annual admissions 69%

reduction in NUTI APIC-1998

> **Poudre Valley** Fort Collins, CO 13,264 annual admissions 53% reduction in NUTI APIC-19983

St. Michael Health Care Ctr. Texarkana, TX 3,919 annual admissions 56%

reduction in NUTI APIC-19974

Vol. 25 No.2

19,100 annual admissions 25% reduction in NUTI ICAAC-1998

UVA Charlottesville, VA 27,116 annual admissions 48% reduction in NUTI SHEA-1998<sup>6</sup>

N. Broward Hospital Ft. Lauderdale, FL 23,327 annual admissions 58% reduction in NUTI SHEA-1998

Graduate Philadelphia, PA 11,210 annual admissions 50% reduction in NUTI AUA-1998

Wilson Memorial Hospital Wilson, NC 7,985 annual admissions 37% reduction in NUTI APIC-1996



1. Data on file, BARD Medical Division, Covington, GA.. https://doi.org/10.1017/S019594170007034X Published online by Cambridge University Press April 1996, Vol. 24 No.2.

BARDEX IC is a registered trademark of C.R.BARD, Inc. or an affiliate.

## **SHEA** The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America

## 1999 SHEA/CDC Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology

### Program

The program will be held May 1-4, 1999 at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Timothy W. Lane, M.D., Gina Pugliese, R.N., and Julie Gerberding, M.D. will chair the program.

### Purpose

This 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 the 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 the most current information concerning infection control practices and epidemiological methods in health care. This fundamental program will provide you with the opportunities to find solutions to real situations that will occur in the hospital setting. Intensive problem solving sessions are supplemented with lectures and seminars presented by leading authorities.

### Scholarships

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to infectious disease fellows for the program to defray the special course fee for fellows of \$350 and expenses incurred in attending the training program.

Interested fellows must submit a letter of no more than one 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 the course also is required. The deadline for receipt of scholarship applications for the course is March 26, 1998. The SHEA Educational Activities Committee will select the scholarship recipients based on review of these letters. Winners will be notified in September.

### Nominations

Please send scholarship applications to: Timothy W. Lane, M.D. c/o The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America 19 Mantua Road Mt. Royal, NJ 08061

### Fees

Individual Registrants\$495Fellows in Infectious Disease\$350

### Credits

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

SHEA designates this continuing education activity for up to 23 hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

The SHEA/CDC Training Course is AACN (American Association of Critical Care Nurses) approved for 28.5 hours.

### **General Course Information**

Information regarding the schedule, hotel and travel accommodations, discount airfare, and course fees are available from SHEA (609) 423-7222 x350. Note that application for a scholarship does <u>not</u> constitute enrollment in the program. This must be done separately.

Scholarship Awards provided in part by an educational grant from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.



Labs • NHO • Pratt • Roerig • Specialty U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group

# Getting splashed is **not** always fun and

## Get SplashGuard II™ or get wet.



There was a time when getting splashed was all part of the game, but accidental contact with urine is never fun. So protect yourself with the SplashGuard II Drain Spout from Kendall. It's designed to open and close easily with one hand, and makes emptying the bag safer and neater. And with all of that protection, getting splashed will remain a thing of the past.

**KENDALL** 15 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048 1-800-962-9888 A **tyco** INTERNATIONAL LTD. COMPANY

### INFECTION CONTROL AND HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY®

### CONTENTS

Continued from cover

Monitoring Rotavirus Environmental Contamination in a Pediatric Unit Using Polymerase Chain Reaction Hervé Soule, PharmD; Odile Genoulaz, DrTech; Bénédicte Gratacap-Cavallier, MD; Marie Reine Mallaret, MD; Patrice Morand, MD; Patrice François, MD; Dominique Luu Duc Bin, PharmD; Agnès Charvier, MD; Cécile Bost-Bru, MD; Jean-Marie Seigneurin, MD, PhD	432
Evaluation of a Disinfection Procedure for Hysteroscopes Contaminated by Hepatitis C Virus Catherine Sartor, MD; Remi Nicolas Charrel, MD; Xavier de Lamballerie, MD; Roland Sambuc, MD; Philippe De Micco, MD; Leon Boubil, MD	434
Perioperative Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Spanish Hospitals: Results of a Questionnaire Survey Carles Codina, DPharm; Antoni Trilla, MD, MSC; Nuria Riera, DPharm; Montserrat Tuset, DPharm; Xavier Carne, MD; Josep Ribas, DPharm; Miguel-Angel Asenjo, MD; the Hospital Pharmacy Antimicrobial Prophylaxis Study Group	436
HE INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE Implementation of a Practical Antibiotic Policy in the Czech Republic MILAN KOLAR, MD; TOMAS LATAL, MSC	440
NFORMATION MANAGEMENT Implementation of an Interactive Computer-Assisted Infection Monitoring Program at the Bedside Alexandra Heininger, MD; Adolf H. Niemetz; Martin Keim; Reinhold Fretschner, MD; Gerd Döring, PhD; Klaus Uneril, MD	444
ETTERS TO THE EDITOR Temporally Overlapping Nosocomial Outbreaks of Serratia marcescens Infections: An Unexpected Result Revealed by Pulsed-Field Gel Electrophoresis Heidrun Peltroche-Llacsahuanga, MD; Rudolf Lütticken, MD; Gerhard Haase, MD	387
Another Disinfectant for Enterococci Alice N. Neely, PhD; Matthew P. Maley, MS	388
Infection Control Practices of General Dental Practitioners	389
JACK W. SHIELDS, MD, MS	
	449

To view abstracts of these articles, visit us on the Internet at http://www.slackinc.com/general/iche

The publication of advertising in the Journal does not constitute any guarantee or endorsement by The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America or Slack Incorporated of the advertised product or service or of claims made by the advertiser. The publication of articles and other editorial material in the Journal does not necessarily represent the policy recommendations or endorsement by the Society.

PUBLISHER: Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology (ISSN-0899-823X, Canadian GST#129780466) is published exclusively by SLACK Incorporated 12 times a year. Address: 6900 Grove Rd., Thorofare, NJ 08086. Telephone: (609) 848-1000.

SHEA: 19 Mantua Rd., Mt. Royal, NJ 08061; telephone, 609-423-0087; fax, 609-423-3420; e-mail address, sheahq@talley.com.

COPYRIGHT 1999 The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, Inc., and SLACK Incorporated. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without written permission from the publisher. Printed in the USA.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Requests should be addressed to the publisher (except Japan). In Japan, contact Woodbell Incorporated, 4-22-11, Kitakasai, Edogawaku, Tokyo 134, Japan. Subscription rates in the United States and possessions: Individual: One year-\$105.00; Two years-\$143.00; Three years-\$178.00; Institutional: One year-\$128.00; Two years-\$28.00. Fellows: \$52.50 per year with proof of training status. Canada: \$20.00 additional each year plus 7% for Canadian Goods & Services tax; Overseas surface, \$145.00 each year; Overseas air mail, \$190.00. Single copies of current issues may be obtained for \$15.00, United States and possessions; \$20.00 all other countries.

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS: Authors may submit manuscripts prepared in accordance with the 1997 revision of the "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals." The Uniform Requirements has been published in several journals, including *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 1997;18:457-464 and *Ann Intern Med* 1997;126:36-47. A digital version is available on our web site (http://www.slackinc.com/general/iche/ichehome.htm). Submit to ICHE Editorial Offices, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, A-1131 Medical Center North, Nashville, TN 37232-2637, USA. All submissions must be accompanied by copyright form(s) signed by all authors (see January issue or our web site).

REPRINTS: All requests to reprint or use material published herein should be addressed to Karen Lambertson, SLACK Incorporated, 6900 Grove Rd., Thorofare, NJ 08086. For reprint orders and prices, contact Karen Lambertson at (609) 848-1000. Authorization to photocopy items for internal or personal use, or the internal or personal use of specific clients, is granted by SLACK Incorporated, provided that the base fee of \$1.00 per copy, plus \$.15 per page is paid directly to Copyright Clearance Center, 27 Congress St., Salem, MA 01970. This consent does not extend to other kinds of copy- ing, such as for general distribution, resale, advertising and promotional purposes, or for creating new collective works.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Notice should be sent to the publisher 6 weeks in advance of effective date. Include old and new addresses with zip codes. The publisher cannot accept responsibility for undelivered copies. Periodicals postage paid at Thorofare, New Jersey 08086-9447 and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to SLACK Incorporated, 6900 Grove Rd., Thorofare, NJ 08086.

INFECTION CONTROL AND HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY is listed in Index Medicus, Current Contents-Clinical Practice, Hospital Literature Index, Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature, Nursing Abstracts, Laboratory Performance Information Exchange System, and RNdex Top 100.

### Vol. 20 No. 6

EDITORIAL OFFICES Vanderbilt University School of Medicine A-1131 Medical Center North Nashville, TN 37232-2637 (615) 343-1095; (615) 343-1882 (FAX) Email: iche@mcmail.vanderbilt.edu EDITOR Michael D. Decker, MD, MPH MANAGING EDITOR Susan Cantrell STATISTICAL EDITOR Beverly G. Mellen, PhD SENIOR ASSOCIATE EDITORS C. Glen Mayhall, MD Gina Pugliese, RN, MS William Schaffner, MD ASSOCIATE EDITORS Donald A. Goldmann, MD Didier Pittet, MD, MS Andreas Widmer, MD, MS SECTION EDITORS **Beyond Infection Control:** The New Hospital Epidemiology Bryan P. Simmons, MD Stephen B. Kritchevsky, PhD Memphis, Tennessee Wing Hong Seto, MD Hong Kong **Disinfection and Sterilization** William A. Rutala, PhD, MPH Chapel Hill, North Carolina **Emerging Infectious Diseases** Larry J. Strausbaugh, MD Portland, Oregon Robert W. Pinner, MD Atlanta, Georgia From the Laboratory Marcus Zervos, MD Royal Oak, Michigan Fred C. Tenover, PhD Atlanta, Georgia Information Management John A. Sellick, DO Buffalo, New York The International Perspective Mary D. Nettleman, MD, MS Richmond, Virginia **Issues in Surgery** James T. Lee, MD, PhD St. Paul, Minnesota Medical News Gina Pugliese, RN, MS Chicago, Illinois Martin S. Favero, PhD Irvine, California Practical Healthcare Epidemiology Loreen A. Herwaldt, MD Iowa City, Iowa SHEA News Andreas Voss, MD, PhD Nijmegen, The Netherlands Statistics for Hospital Epidemiology David Birnbaum, PhD, MPH Sidney, British Columbia, Canada **Topics in Long-Term Care** Philip W. Smith, MD Omaha, Nebraska **Topics in Occupational Medicine** David Weber, MD, MPH Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Vice President/Group Publisher Richard N. Roash Publisher John C. Carter Editorial Director Jennifer Kilpatrick Production Editor Shirley P. Strunk, ELS Assistant Editor Eileen C. Anderer

https://doi.org/10.1017

### INFECTION CONTROL AND HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY®

### EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

Jacques F. Acar, MD J. Wesley Alexander, MD Paul Arnow, MD Graham A.J. Ayliffe, MD Neil L. Barg, MD Elizabeth Ann Bolyard, RN, MPH, CIC John M. Boyce, MD Professor Dr. Ilja Braveny Christian Brun-Buisson, MD Charles Bryan, MD Donald E. Craven, MD Sue Crow, MSN, RN, CIC Franz Daschner, MD Leigh G. Donowitz, MD Charles E. Edmiston, Jr., PhD Theodore C. Eickhoff, MD Bruce Farber, MD Victoria J. Fraser, MD Peter C. Fuchs, MD, PhD Richard A. Garibaldi, MD Robert Gaynes, MD Velvl Greene, PhD, MPH David W. Gregory, MD David K. Henderson, MD Peter N.R. Heseltine, MD Karen Hoffmann, RN, CIC, MS Marguerite McMillan Jackson, RN, PhD Janine Jagger, MPH, PhD William R. Jarvis, MD Douglas S. Kernodle, MD Robert H. Latham, MD Lewis B. Lefkowitz, MD Hsieh-Shong Leu, MD, MSc Jack Levy, MD Victor Lorian, MD Dennis G. Maki, MD William J. Martone, MD Allison McGeer, MD John E. McGowan, Jr., MD Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, DSc Raf Mertens, MD Robert R. Muder, MD Joseph M. Mylotte, MD, CIC Lindsay Nicolle, MD Juhani Ojajärvi, MD Michael T. Osterholm, PhD, MPH Jan Evans Patterson, MD Sindy M. Paul, MD Michael A. Pfaller, MD Samuel Ponce de Leon, MD, MSc Isaam Raad, MD Manfred L. Rotter, MD, DipBact Theodore Sacks, MD William E. Scheckler, MD Kent Sepkowitz, MD Denis Spelman, MD Michael L. Tapper, MD Clyde Thornsberry, PhD Professor Leonid P. Titov Timothy R. Townsend, MD Antoni Trilla, MD, PhD Professor Wang Shu-Qun J. John Weems, Jr., MD Robert A. Weinstein, MD Professor Dr. W. Weuffen Sergio B. Wey, MD Rebecca Wurtz, MD

Paris. France Cincinnati, Ohio Chicago, Illinois Birmingham, United Kingdom Yakima, Washington Atlanta, Georgia Providence, Rhode Island Munich, Federal Republic of Germany Creteil, France Columbia, South Carolina Boston, Massachusetts Shreveport, Louisiana Freiburg, Federal Republic of Germany Charlottesville, Virginia Milwaukee, Wisconsin Denver, Colorado Manhasset, New York St. Louis, Missouri Black Butte, Oregon Farmington, Connecticut Atlanta, Georgia Beer Sheva, Israel Nashville, Tennessee Bethesda, Maryland Los Angeles, California Chapel Hill, North Carolina San Diego, California Charlottesville, Virginia Atlanta, Georgia Nashville, Tennessee Nashville, Tennessee Nashville, Tennessee Taipei, Taiwan Brussels, Belgium Bronx, New York Madison, Wisconsin Bethesda, Maryland Toronto, Ontario, Canada Atlanta, Georgia Montreal, Quebec, Canada Brussels, Belgium Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Buffalo, New York Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada Helsinki, Finland Minneapolis, Minnesota San Antonio, Texas Trenton, New Jersey Iowa City, Iowa Mexico City, Mexico Houston, Texas Vienna, Austria Jerusalem, Israel Madison, Wisconsin New York City, New York Prahran Victoria, Australia New York, New York Brentwood, Tennessee Minsk, Republic of Belarus Millwood, Virginia Barcelona, Spain Beijing, People's Republic of China Greenville, South Carolina Chicago, Illinois Greifswald, Federal Republic of Germany São Paulo, Brazil Evanston, Illinois

SLACK Incorporated 6900 Grove Road Thorofare, New Jersey 08086 (609) 848-1000 Circulation Manager Lester J. Robeson, CCCP Production Director Christine Malin Production Coordinator Joanne Patterson Publishing Director/ Advertising Wayne McCourt

Pharmaceutical Group Sales Director

Michael LoPresti

007034X Published online by Cambridge University Pres

Advertising Sales Representative Jennine Kane Classified/Recruitment Sales Manager Kathy Huntley Classified/Recruitment Sales Representative Carla Maxie

## Why the best thermometer is the one you throw away.

Right now, all sorts of nasty bugs are getting a "free ride" from bed to bed in hospitals, all across America. Electronic and tympanic thermometers may be among their favorite vehicles.

These shared instruments (with their probes, cords and boxes) are excellent carriers for everything from MRSA and VRE to C. difficile.

Fortunately, NexTemp<sup>™</sup> can help.

There's no hardware to become colonized, and it's disposable. NexTemp puts the bugs where they belong. In the trash can.

Now we know what you're thinking, "is it accurate?" NexTemp "Precision Phase-Change" (PPC) thermometers meet stringent ASTM accuracy requirements. As for reliability, NexTemp Thermometers won't prefire irreversibly and never need resetting in the refrigerator.

In addition to incredible accuracy and reliability, NexTemp Thermometers



Nettermp

are quick-reading and simple to use. Plus they've got a 5-year shelf life without the need for any special temperature-controlled storage.

Of course the best way to test NexTemp is to try it yourself.



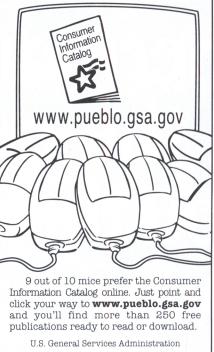
The last black dot indicates a temperature of 98.8 F

For your free sample just call us at 888.930.4599. Or see our web site at www.medicalindicators.com.

NexTemp Disposable Thermometers. Because the next step in infection control is throwing away the world's best thermometer!

https://doi.org/10.1017/S019594170007034X Published online by Cambridge University Press





## Mothers. Spouses. (maybe) Medical Matrix.

What do they have in common? You place your trust in them. When searching the Internet for credible medical information, you need a resource you can trust. *The Lancet* quotes that "Medical Matrix is the most comprehensive compendium of reliable medical information on the Internet."



The largest, peer-reviewed directory to the medical Internet. Free registration.

# be Safer

### Just one needlestick injury could change your life.

NMT Safety Syringe prevents contact with potentially contaminated needles.

Its revolutionary automatic retraction mechanism locks the used needle within the syringe. Afterwards, NMT Safety Syringe can be disposed of easily and safely — no more exposed needles sticking out of sharps containers or anywhere else.

NMT Safety Syringe is brilliantly simple, effective and fast. No extra steps are needed to activate the safety feature and there are no manually manipulated covers for you to handle.

NMT Safety Syringe dramatically reduces the risk of needlestick, which is reassuring for you, your patients, your coworkers, and the public.

## For more information, call **New Medical Technology, Inc.**

1500 West Oak Street, Suite 200 Zionsville, IN 46077 Phone 317.733.9560 **Toll Free 800.522.1512** 

Fax 317.733.9563 Email newmedical@aol.com www.new-medical-technology.com

## Don't risk needlestick NMT Safety Syringe

## SHEA/ESGNI

### **Training Course in Hospital Epidemiology**

### October 29-November 2, 1999

Beach & Golf Resort Ooghduyne Julianadorp aan Zee The Netherlands

This intensive training program is designed for those who have responsibility for hospital epidemiology and infection control programs. It is sponsored by the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America and the European Study Group of Nosocomial Infections (ESGNI) of the European Society for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID). The course is taught by renowned experts from the United States and Europe who are dedicated to continuous quality improvement in infection control and the application of epidemiology within the hospital setting. Topics to be addressed include, but are not limited to, patterns of transmission of nosocomial infections; risk factors for nosocomial infections; approach to epidemic investigation; molecular typing; disinfection and sterilization; epidemic in the OR; introduction to surveillance; use of computerized data in outbreak investigations: MRSA; isolation systems and TB; investigation of excess mortality in the NICU; employee safety and control of bloodborne pathogens; control of antibiotic resistance and antibiotic policies.

For more information, contact University Hospital Nijmegen, 440 MMB, c/o A. Voss, MD, PhD, PO Box 9101, 6500 HB Nijmegen, The Netherlands; fax: 31-24-354-0216; e-mail: y.beeuwkes@mmb.





### THE SOCIETY FOR HEALTHCARE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF AMERICA Membership Application

Name:			Degree(s):					
Hospital position (if app	licable):							
SPECIAL INTEREST		C Other (Specify)						
COMMITTEES: AIDS/TB Committee Annual Meeting Comm Education Committee	nittee	<ul> <li>Financial Advisory Co</li> <li>International Assistan</li> <li>Long Term Care Con</li> </ul>	ommittee ce Committee nmittee		<ul> <li>Membership Committee</li> <li>Nominating Committee</li> <li>Publications Committee</li> </ul>	e ; ;		
Business Address:						_		
		<u> </u>				-		
		City		State	Zip Code	_		
Business Telephone:	( )	•						
Dubanco renepiione.						-		
Home Address:						-		
						-		
		City		State	Zip Code	-		
Home Telephone:	$\bigcirc$ _							
Indicate preferred a	ddress for co	rrespondence, journal	, and member	ship dire	ectory listing Home l	Business		
How/Where did you h	ear about SHI	EA?						
Ap inte Invited Me Ap infe rese refe	Degree (U.S. a (Outsi plicants must erest in health embership (U (O plicants must ection control, earch). In ada rreed scientific	care epidemiology.	Calendar year c and should wor dar year dues \$ Calendar year nd have work e healthcare epi have authored c membership i	lues \$163 k in the f G110) ar dues \$ xperience demiolog r co-auth this cate	ield of healthcare epidem 163)* e (minimum two (2) years gy, clinical practice impro lored at least three (3) sch egory, please include cur	iology and/or have a direct s) in a relevant field (e.g., wement, or basic scientific nolarly publications in iculum vitae and two (2)		
	<ul> <li>Associate Membership (U.S. and Canada Calendar year dues \$55) (Outside U.S. and Canada Calendar year dues \$108)*</li> </ul>							
App hea	plicants must he	ends in Mo. Yr. old a doctoral degree, sho iology, and be participatin	uld work in the f g in an appropria	ield of hea ite training	althcare epidemiology and/o g program. <u>Proof of trainin</u>	r have a direct interest in g must accompany this		
Membership Fee include and Quality Health Car	es subscription	to Society's official journ	als, Infection Co	ntrol and	Hospital Epidemiology AN	ID Clinical Performance		
*\$53.00 of dues will go	for mailing of j	ournals outside U.S. and	Canada.			,		
Method of Payment:	Check (U.S. C	urrency drawn on a U.S.	Bank) 🗅 Visa (	Master	Card 🛛 American Express			
Credit Card #		Exp. Date: /	Authorized	i				
	You	r credit card statement v	vill read "Talle	y Manago	ement Group, Inc."			
Send Application and Re	emittance TO:	SHEA Membership De 19 Mantua Road Mt. Royal, NJ 08061 609-423-0087 609-423-3420 fax	partment					

https://doi.org/10.1017/S019594170007034X Published onlin	sheahg@shea.smarthub.com

## What if the box

THE IGGA

It's all the rage these days to "think outside the box." But at Arrow, we find just the idea of a box an unnecessary limitation.

sn't really a box?

We believe revolutionary products require committed, inspired, visionary thinking. The kind of thinking that goes into developing ARROWg<sup>+</sup>ard<sup>\*</sup>, the first antimicrobial surface treatment for central venous catheters. By providing a barrier against catheter-related infections, it dramatically improves patient outcomes and quality of life. Changing the medical world forever.

What about all those ideas we're working on now?

At Arrow, you won't hear the mantra to think outside the box. Our kind of thinking has no boundaries.



www.arrowintl.com

Coming soon: ARROWg<sup>+</sup>ard Blue Plus"

For more information, call your Arrow representative or contact us by calling 1-800-523-8446 or 610-378-0131.

- 15

## INFECTION CONTROL AND HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY

### The Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and SLACK Inc Copyright and Republication Policy

The Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and SLACK Inc hold copyright on *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology*. We request that all authors of works transfer to SHEA and SLACK Inc all rights, title, and interest to such works, including copyright. In accord with the Copyright Act of 1976, we must acquire every author's signature to effect the transfer. A written work cannot be considered for publication until the "Assignment of Copyright" form is signed by the author or authors and is on file at the editorial offices. Please submit this signed form with your manuscript. In the event that a manuscript is not accepted for publication, this agreement will be returned to the authors.

Signed "Assignment of Copyright" forms confirm that a work submitted has not previously been published, is not subject to copyright or other rights except those of the author to be transferred to SHEA and SLACK Inc, and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, except under circumstances communicated in writing at the time the work is submitted.

Permission to reproduce any part of the works published by SHEA and SLACK Inc in *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, is not permitted without written permission from SLACK Inc.

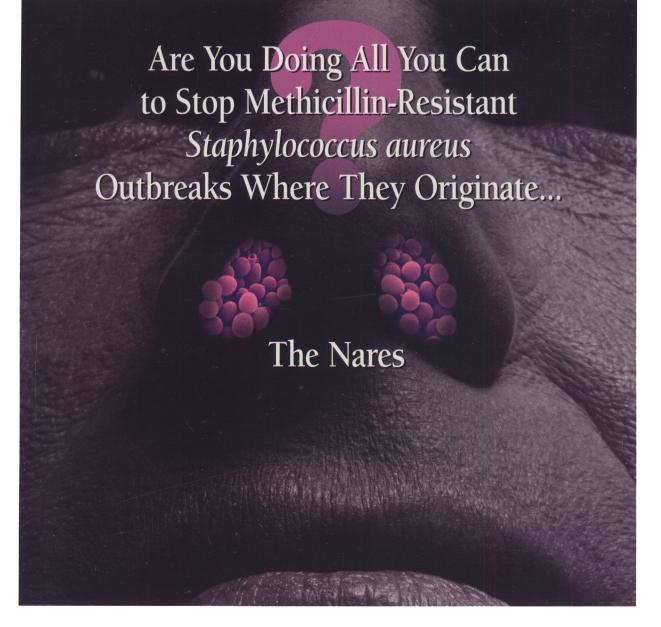
### Assignment of Copyright

In consideration of SLACK Incorporated and The Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America (collectively called the "Publisher") in publishing my (our) submitted manuscript, the undersigned hereby transfer(s), assign(s), and otherwise convey(s) all copyright in the manuscript to the Publisher. The copyright so conveyed includes any and all subsidiary forms of publication, such as electronic media. The undersigned declares that the manuscript is original and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, contains no matter that is libelous or unlawful or that infringes upon anyone else's rights of copyright.

In addition, we affirm that the work is the work of every author listed and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, except under circumstances communicated to the Editor in writing at the time the work is submitted.

Manuscript Number (if known)		
Authors		
Title	and a second second	
Signature		Date
Signature		Date
Signature	a a a ana a ana	Date
Signature		Date
Signature		Date
Signature	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Date
Signature	<b>.</b>	Date
Signature		Date

### This form may be photocopied



 Bactroban Nasal is indicated for eradication of nasal colonization with methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) in adult patients and healthcare workers as part of a comprehensive infection control program to reduce the risk of infection among high-risk patients during MRSA outbreaks.<sup>1</sup>

Single-use tube (actual size)

TROBAN

- In a hospital study, Bactroban Nasal contributed to a dramatic reduction in MRSA infections and vancomycin costs during an outbreak.<sup>2</sup>
- Excellent safety profile'

Please see brief summary of prescribing information on adjacent page.

**References: 1.** Bactroban® Nasal prescribing information, 1995. **2.** Reagan DR, Dula RT, Palmer BH, et al. Control of MRSA in a VAMC with limited resources. Prog Abstr 31st Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, Chicago, U.S.A., Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 1991, p 104.



2% ointment for intranasal use



BACTROBAN® NASAL (mupirocin calcium ointment), 2% Brief summary. For complete prescribing information, see package insert.

HOICATIONS AND USAGE Bactroban Nasal is indicated for eradication of nasal coloniza-tion with methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus in adult patients and health care workers as part of a comprehensive infection control program to reduce the risk of infection among patients at high risk of methicillin-resistant S. aureus infection during institutional outbreaks of infections with this nathonae. pathogen.

- MOTE:
   (1) There are insufficient data at this time to establish that this product is safe and effective as part of an intervention program to prevent autoinfection of high-risk patients from their own nasal coinization with *S. aureus*.
- There are insufficient data at this time to recommend use of *Bactroban* Nasal for general prophylaxis of any infec-tion in any patient population.
- tion in any patient population. Greater than 90% of subjects/patients in clinical trials had eradication of nasal colonization 2 to 4 days after therapy was completed. Approximately 30% recolonization was reported in one domestic study within 4 weeks after com-pletion of therapy. These eradication rates were clinically and statistically superior to those reported in subjects/ patients in the vehicle-treated arms of the adequate and well-controlled studies. Those treated with vehicle had eradication rates of 5% to 30% at 2 to 4 days post-thera-py with 85% to 100% recolonization within 4 weeks. **NTRAINDICATIONS** (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Bactroban Nasal is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any of the constituents of the product. WARNINGS

AVOID CONTACT WITH THE EYES. Application of Bactroban Nasal to the eye under testing conditions has caused severe symptoms such as burning and tearing. These symptoms resolved within days to weeks after discontinuation of the ointment.

In the event of a sensitization or severe local irritation from Bactroban Nasal, usage should be discontinued. PRECAUTIONS

**PRELAD HONS General:** As with other antibacterial products, prolonged use may result in overgrowth of nonsusceptible microorganisms, including fungi. (See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION in complete prescribing information.)

complete prescribing information.) Information for Patients: Patients should: apply approxi-mately one-half of the ointment from the single-use tube directly into one nostril and the other half into the other nos-tril; avoid contact of the medication with the eyes; discard the tube after using; press the sides of the nose together and gent-hy message after application to spread the ointment through-out the inside of the nostrils; and discontinue using *Bactroban* Nasal and call a health care practitioner if sensitization or severe local irritation occurs.

Drug Interactions: The effect of the concurrent application of intranasal mupirocin calcium and other intranasal products has not been studied. Do not apply mupirocin calcium ointment, 2% concurrently with any other intranasal products.

2% concurrently with any other intranasal products. Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Long-term studies in animals to evaluate carcinogenic poten-tial of mupirocin calcium have not been conducted. Results of the following studies performed with mupirocin calcium or mupirocin sodium in vitro and in vivo did not indicate a poten-tial for mutagenicity: rat primary hepatocyte unscheduled DNA synthesis, sediment analysis for DNA strand breaks, *Salmo-nella* reversion test (Arnes), *Escherichia coli* mutation assay, metaphase analysis of human timphocytes, mouse tym-phoma assay, and bone marrow micronuclei assay in mice. Aleroduction studies were performed in rats with mupirocin administered subcutaneously at doses up to 40 times the human intranasal dose (approximately 20 mg mupirocin per day) on a mg/m² basis and revealed no evidence of impaired fertility from mupirocin sodium. Pregnency: Teratogenic Effects. Pregnancy Category B.

fertility from mupircoin sodium. **Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects. Pregnancy Category B.** Reproduction studies have been performed in rats and rabbits with mupircoin administered subcutaneously at doses up to 65 and 130 times, respectively. the human intranasal dose (approximately 20 mg mupircoin per day) on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis and revealed no evidence of harm to the fetus due to mupirco-cin. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled stud-ies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. **Nursing Mothers:** It is not known whether this drug is excret-

Nursing Mothers: It is not known whether this drug is excret-ed in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, exercise caution when *Bactroban* Nasal is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use: Safety in children under the age of 12 years has not been established. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY in complete prescribing information.)

in complete prescribing information.) ADVERSE REACTIONS Clinical Trials: In clinical trials, 210 domestic and 2,130 foreign adult subjects/patients received Bactroban Nasal oint-ment. Less than 1% of domestic or foreign subjects and patients in clinical trials were withdrawn due to adverse events. In domestic clinical trials, 17% (36/210) of adults treat-ed with Bactroban Nasal ointment reported adverse events thought to be at least possibly drug-related. The incidence of adverse events thought to be at least possibly drug-related that were reported in at least 1% of adults enrolled in domes-tic clinical trials were as follows: headache, 9%; rhinits, 6%; respiratory disorder, including upper respiratory tract conges-tion, 5%; pharyngitis, 4%; taste perversion, 3%; burning/sting-ing, 2%; cough, 2%; and pruritus, 1%. The following events thought possibly drug-related were

The following events though possibly drug-related were reported in less than 1% of adults enrolled in domestic clinical trials: blepharitis, diarrhea, dry mouth, ear pain, epistaxis, nau-see and rash. All adequate and well-controlled clinical trials have been performed using *Bactroban* Nasal ointment, 2% in one arm and the vehicle ointment in the other arm of the study. study

#### OVERDOSAGE

Nasal to adults, no evidence for systemic absorption of mupirocin was obtained.

Manufactured by DPT Laboratories, Inc., San Antonio, TX 78215

Distributed by SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, Philadelphia, PA 19101 BN:L1



### Unlaue **Infection Control Opportunity**

Magnuson Clinical Center

The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD is seeking an Infection Control Specialist. The Clinical Center is the Federal Government's 350-bed clinical research hospital at NIH. Infection Control in the Clinical Center's unique environment presents both interesting challenges and remarkable opportunities for career growth and development. Elements of this position include: surveillance, education and training, outbreak investigation, as well as the opportunity to conduct original or collaborative research in an institution that has as its mission the translation of basic science discoveries into clinical medicine. This position offers a remarkable opportunity to work in an exciting clinical research environment with internationally-renowned investigators who are shaping the 'medicine of the future'. Compensation is highly competitive. Please call Rogene Shank (301)-496-6924 to obtain the job vacancy announcement and an application; alternatively, see http://www.ohrm.cc.nih.gov. For additional information, please contact Dr. David Henderson (phone: 301-496-3515; email: dhenderson@nih.gov). Applications must be postmarked by July 30, 1999. NIH is an equal opportunity employer. U.S. citizenship required.



### MOLECULAR EPIDEMIOLOGY TECHNOLOGISTS

The new Northwestern Memorial Hospital, opening in May 1999, will be a state-of-the-art medical center, equipped with the most modern diagnostic facilities. This is your opportunity to join a dynamic team of professionals who make "Amazing Things Happen."

### MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST MOLECULAR EPIDEMIOLOGY

Responsible for analyzing the genotypic similarity of microorganisms using molecular techniques including DNA extraction, enzyme restriction, gel electrophonesis, and photographic documentation of the DNA fingerprint band pattern. Provide data to our National Center of Excellence in Healthcare Epidemiology Hospital Infections Program sponsored by the NCID, CDC and HHS.

#### SENIOR TECHNOLOGIST MOLECULAR EPIDEMIOLOGY

In addition to performing molecular techniques, the senior technologist designs work-flow, maintains supply inventory strain, write schedules, procedures, consultations, abstracts, and articles.

MT (ASCP) preferred, with 2 years of relevant clinical laboratory experience and a background in molecular techniques. Please send resume to: RD, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, 310 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611. FAX: (312) 908-9288. E-mail: careers@nmh.org An EEO/AA Employer

