

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

Infection Prevention Week: Break the Chain of Infection

International Infection Prevention Week raises awareness of the role our Epidemiology and Infection Prevention (IP) team plays to improve patient safety.

Studies have found that investment in trained infection prevention nurses and doctors decreased infections by 40 percent, establishing the first hospital quality improvement program. Strong surveillance programs seek to prevent the spread of infection by collaborating with the front-line workers and leadership to continuously examine, evaluate, and act on identified Infection Prevention issues.

IP responsibilities also include other areas of focus such as hand hygiene, disinfection/sterilization, surgical asepsis, patient hygiene, device insertion practices, environmental management, construction/renovation/design, hazard mitigation, mandatory reporting, and management of contagious diseases. Day-to-day operations include risk assessment, surveillance and investigation, policy and procedure development/review, research, statistical analysis and data presentation, education and training, response to questions or areas of concern, management of projects to insure regulatory compli-



Proper hand hygiene is necessary for preventing infections.

ance, and consulting with frontline workers, administration, public health, and patients/families.

This week, take time to learn more about Infection

Prevention. Check eNews for a schedule of events: pick up free personal hand sanitizer, refresh your respiratory etiquette, and test yourself with IP trivia.

FLU SEASON HAS ARRIVED EARLY

Anyone with an employee badge gets the flu vaccine for free

See eNews for the October flu blitz schedule



All employees must be vaccinated, show proof of vaccination, or submit a declination form to Employee Health

Flu Blitz Week of October 17 - 21

**Monday through Friday
3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
P1A Bypass Corridor**

*Free flu vaccine
for employees*

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

45 Years

Mary Herbert, ACCU
Patricia Kempton,
Family Birth Center

40 Years

Colette Day, R3

35 Years

Carol Jennings, SSC
Dianna Wing, HR

30 Years

Margaret Allegretta, NICU
Patricia Burgess, CSD
Barbara Colby, Endocrinol-
ogy and Diabetes
Pamela Graves, OR
Jeffrey Gregory, CPI
Bernadette Lehouillier,
Radiology
Denise McCubrey,
Radiology
Doreen Tracy, Distribution
Donald Watson, Pharmacy

25 Years

Denise Collette,
Saco Pediatrics
Lisa Lee, Radiology
Joyce Marin, EVS
Karen Prime, Cardiology
Lynne Thompson,
Cardiology
Deborah Wicklund, SSC

20 Years

Molly Baker,
Family Birth Center
Melanie Decker, Oncology
Laurie Desrochers, IS
Donna Drake, OR

Robert Groom,
Cardiac Surgery
Donna Mahan,
Nutrition Services
Lisa McIlwain,
Talent Shared Services
Sarah Russo, R7
Terry Stauber, Women's
Health, Maternal/Fetal
Medicine
Monica Steinbuchel, PACU
Lee Tingley, P3CD
Ann Wight, Pharmacy

15 Years

Stephanie Albair, HIM
Margaret Bannon, SCU
Alicia Bumpus,
Heart Cath Lab
Roland Dube, Radiology
Lynn Frist, OR
Kim Girard, SSC
Andrea Goulette, Radiology
Jaime Graffam, Radiology
Thomas Hatch, Safety
Vanessa Hawkins, R4
Susan Holloran, Anesthesia
and Pain Management
Nicole Hubbard, R7
Lisa Ireland, P4C
Vivi Juwita,
Family Birth Center
Darlene Lessard, OR
Charles Logan, SCU
Ann Misterovich,
Anesthesia and Pain
Management

Carol Moore,
Nutrition Services
Todd Nevins,
Talent Shared Services

Lisa Peakall, R3
Cindy Peaslee,
Family Medicine
Harmony Renna, MMCRI
Georgia Wark, Library
Marjorie Wiggins, Patient
Care Services/Chief
Nursing Officer

10 Years

Timothy Babcock,
Pulmonary Medicine
Lauren Bergeron, NICU
Katherine Brancely,
Care Management
Donna Chamoff,
Tobacco Treatment
Aimee Chapman,
Turning Point
Traci Cook, IS
Kristine Folan, R3
Angela Giles, IS
Brandi Gordon, R5
Emily Hickey, BBCH
Taffee Hiebert, BBCH
Sasha Hodges, R5
Bonnie Kline, Cardiology
LeeAnne Methot,
Talent Shared Services
Pamela Pellerin,
Nutrition Services
Sherri Shook, Benefits
Jacquelyn Smith, Urology
Amy Sparks, Psychiatry

5 Years

Joan Black, Nursing
Wilfred Boisvert, IS
Char Bouley,
Infection Control
Kasey Bromeo,
Spiritual Care Services

Heidi Budd, Supply Chain
Lynn Caron,
Neurology and Spine
Naneen Chace-Ortiz, IS
Bradley Cordes, IS
Brittany Crush, SCU
Rachel Forbess,
Adult Medicine Clinics
Priscilla Gilman, Cardiology
Rebecca Hoosier, CBO
Tracey Johnson, IS
Nancy Klemperer, P6
Steven Labrecque,
Cardiac Surgery
Carrie Maynard, Oncology
Chelsea Miller,
Marketing and
Communications
Katherine Morrison,
Radiology
John Murray, ED
Bettina Pearson,
Lactation Consultation
Kristine Pleacher, BBCH
Melinda Rabideau,
Internal Medicine
Mark Redlon, EVS
Nicole Ryan,
Cardiothoracic ICU
Virginia Squires-Eklund,
Family Birth Center
Carolyn Towle, CBO
Victoria Vest,
Family Birth Center
Terrence Whitmore,
Pharmacy
Teri Young, IS
Qamar Yousaf,
Family Birth Center



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