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SHEA Long-Term-Care Committee

The SHEA Long-Term-Care Committee, chaired by Dr. Lindsay Nicolle, welcomed three new members to the committee: Dr. Kurt Stevenson from Idaho, Dr. Mark Loeb from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and Dr. Rodolfo Quiros from Argentina.

The committee continues to be active in the development of guidelines for long-term-care facilities (LTCFs). Within the past year, they published an updated

position paper on antimicrobial use in LTCFs (*Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 2000;21:537-545) and a new guideline dealing with urinary tract infections in LTCFs (*Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 2001;22:167-175), and contributed in large part to development of the minimum consensus criteria for initiation of antibiotics in LTCFs under the leadership of Dr. Mark Loeb (*Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 2001; 22:120-124). Under the leadership of Dr.

Lauri Thrupp, the committee currently is finalizing a guideline dealing with tuberculosis in LTCFs, and, under the leadership of Dr. Andy Simor, the committee will initiate a guideline dealing with *Clostridium difficile* in LTCFs. The committee chair, co-chair, and members would be delighted to hear from members of the organization with respect to any comments about the published guidelines, as well as suggestions for further needs.

From the SHEA News Editors

Dear Colleagues:

You may not have noticed, but it has been a major problem to fill you in on what is going on in our society, so much so that the topic was brought to the SHEA Board for discussion. Another cry for help directed to chairpersons of SHEA's working groups fortunately met with good response. Colleagues such as Dr. Nicolle and Dr. Boyce (his submission will appear in the July issue) already have reacted, and hopefully other chairs will follow suit. Furthermore, the Board discussed other ways to fill you in on news, including the possibility of doing so via our web site. Most importantly, as part of the Society, you sometimes may have news of importance to us all, and we editors of SHEA News would appreciate your letting us know about it.

—Andreas Voss, MD, PhD
—William R. Jarvis, MD

Calendar

Sep 16-19. Antimicrobial Resistance: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Solutions and Containment. Monte Carlo, Monaco. Info: eacsr1.tin.it.

Sep 22-25. 41st International Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. Chicago, IL. Info: www.asmsa.org.

Sep 27-28. Second Infection in the Immunocompromised Child. Dublin, Ireland. Info: icms@dial.pipex.com.

Oct 14-17. Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents. Cannes, France. Info: omega@omegastudio.com.

Oct 18-20. Trends in Invasive Fungal Infections 6. Prague, Czech Republic. Info: www.tifi-conference.co.uk tifi@concorde-uk.com.

Oct 24-27. Third International Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control and 10th Annual Conference of the Egyptian Society of

Infection Control. Cairo, Egypt. Info: Prof. Ossama Rasslan, fax +20-2-6846899.

Oct 25-28. 39th Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. San Francisco, CA. Info: info@idsociety.org.

Nov 5-7. Conjoint National Education Conference of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association—Canada, Canadian Association for Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, and the Canadian Infectious Diseases Society. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Info: chicacda@mb.sympatico.ca.

Nov 18-21. Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents. Cannes, France. Info: www.raa2001.com.

Dec 3-5. Resistant Gram-Positive Infections. San Antonio, TX. Info: unit@netvision.net.il.