

# **Idaho Health Care Association Convention**

## **Infection Prevention Sessions Descriptions**

4 sessions, 1.5 hours each

### **Session 1 – Ensuring Quality Care: The Partnership between Infection Prevention and QAA**

CMS Phase 3 Requirements of Participation regulations state that the infection preventionist is required to be a member of the Quality Assessment and Assurance (QAA) Committee and report on the infection prevention and control program (IPCP) on a regular basis. This session will discuss how being a part of the QAA committee can provide the infection preventionist the opportunity to strengthen partnerships and gain leadership support for the IPCP. Participants will gain a better understanding of the key components of the QAPI program, how to summarize and present meaningful data to the QAA committee to support data driven decision-making, and how to perform a root cause analysis in response to concerns regarding facility infection prevention practices. This session includes a small group activity using root cause analysis tools.

### **Session 2 - If It's Not COVID, What Am I Supposed to Be Doing? Roles and Responsibilities of the Infection Preventionist**

Too much to do in too little time? Understanding the roles and responsibilities of the infection preventionist (IP) can help to define job duties and prioritize daily activities for time management. This session will identify IP responsibilities on an annual, quarterly, monthly, and daily basis, review how to perform a risk assessment to help prioritize program activities, and how to create action plans to address opportunities for improving practices. The small group activity for developing an action plan builds on the first session's activity.

### **Session 3 - Enhanced Barrier Precautions: Why and How to Implement EBP in Your Facility**

In July of 2022, the CDC updated their guidance on "*Implementation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Use in Nursing Homes to Prevent Spread of Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDROs)*" which has become known as Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP). The information presented in this session will help the infection preventionist to gain a better understanding of what EBP is, identify residents that need to be placed on EBP and for how long, and to understand the rationale behind this guidance to help them gain the buy-in they need to implement this practice. Session participants will also have the opportunity to learn how to use the Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) cycle and to practice applying the concepts through a small group discussion activity to help them prepare to implement EBP in their facility.

### **Session 4 - Infection Prevention Best Practices & National Guidelines – What Did I Miss?**

This session will address some of the common misunderstandings regarding infection prevention practices like use of red bags, yellow bags, alcohol-based hand rub, and disposable utensils. Commonly misunderstood elements of antibiotic stewardship and information on antibiotic stewardship metrics will be reviewed in addition to noting which guidelines have been updated and are often overlooked. References to nationally recognized guidelines and resources will be provided to support implementation of updated practices.