Infection Prevention Insights from Wolters Kluwer

Key Resources to Access Below

This newsletter shares the past month's most important industry news and clinical information curated and developed by Wolters Kluwer's epidemiologists, infection preventionists and pharmacists.

News & Research

Infection Prevention & Control

- First-person view (FPV) video observation by small body cameras in a simulated, standardized patient scenario provides novel information compared to other hand hygiene monitoring approaches, via AJIC
- Non-ventilator health care-associated pneumonia (NV-HAP) guideline evaluates pneumonia definitions, reviews laboratory identification methods, outlines electronic markers for data collection, and stresses the importance of a collaborative approach to implement prevention strategies, via AJIC

COVID-19

- New NHSN COVID-19 Module Data Dashboard displays the percent of inpatient hospital beds and the percent of ICU beds occupied by state, via CDC
- U.S. population-based study estimates 45.4% of adults might be at increased risk for complications from COVID-19 because of existing chronic conditions, via CDC
- New guidance issued for COVID-19 testing, via IDSA

Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Survey of 252 acute care IPs describes antimicrobial stewardship program activities in place and IP engagement in these activities, via AJIC

Wolters Kluwer's Expert Solutions—Built for Clinicians by Clinicians

[RESOURCES] Wolters Kluwer has been closely monitoring the current COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to provide front-line clinicians with current COVID-19 updates, resources and tools as the situation evolves.

These free resources—including heat maps of UpToDate searches for COVID-19, rapid onboarding protocols for nurses from Lippincott, guest passes for UpToDate and much more—have been accessed more than 100,000 times since January.

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[BLOG] Artificial Intelligence—A Game Changer for Addressing C. difficile Infections in Hospitals

Members of Wolters Kluwer Health's clinical and data scientist teams, Matt Wollesenbach, DrPH, CPH, CIC, Steve Mok Pharmac, BCP, BCIDP, and John Langton, PhD, discussed how the SensitC C. difficile-infection risk model leverages AI technology. When it comes to C. difficile, the ability to empower clinicians to identify risk of infection earlier is key to prevent illness altogether or minimize the impact on patients, family members and hospital staff.


Early identification of risk factors could help clinicians remain several steps ahead of a C. difficile infection by alerting them to high-risk patients and informing targeted prevention approaches to use within these populations. Using the right technology, the multi-disciplinary clinical team can make the greatest impact on HAIs by responding with real-time tailored clinical practices to negate risk and improve overall care for each patient.