

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

Infection Prevention Long-Term Care & Communal Living **February 28, 2023!**

Thank you to those that got to join us! Please know that we are available for any questions or concerns. If you would like to submit a question or suggest a discussion topic for next month's discussion ahead of time, please email lfitzgerald@kfmc.org.

Our next call is scheduled for March 28, 2023, at 1:00pm, please join us if you can!

Recent ICAR findings:

- Robert Geist provided a presentation with power point during today's call. Thank you for the data and information about ICAR visits!
 - Slides: [2023-02 Finds from ICARs- Robert Geist](#)
 - If you would like to request an ICAR visit contact:
 - **KDHE HAI/AR Program:** kdhe.HAIAR@ks.gov
785.296.4167 Office, [HAI/AR Program webpage](#)

Vaccinations impact on antimicrobial resistance:

- Power point slides from Dr. Kellie Wark's KHA Infection Prevention Conference session are sent with this summary as a separate attachment. Dr. Wark did a fabulous job describing vaccine impact on antimicrobial resistance. Vaccinations of focus were Pneumococcal, COVID-19 and TDaP vaccines. Even though it is not the session recording, the slides have a lot of great information. Permission was received to share the slides.

COVID:

- Normalizing All Things COVID-19 Slides and Recording, this is webinar provides a great overview of : <https://hqin.org/resource/normalizing-all-things-covid-19-slides/>
- What Do I Need to Know? CMS Waivers, Flexibilities, and the Transition Forward from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency [CMS PHE Fact Sheet](#) (2/27/2023)

APIC:

Benefits of membership: <https://apic.org/member-services/about-membership/#:~:text=Save%20an%20average%20of%2025,from%20national%20and%20international%20retailers.>

Kansas Chapter contacts: <https://apic.org/member-services/chapters/chapter-map/?state=KS>

- APIC Chapter 009- Wichita Area
 - Meetings are typically 3rd Tuesday of the month, except for June and December (no meeting). Past year have been virtual

- APIC Chapter 031- Greater Kansas City
 - Meetings are typically 2nd Tuesday of the month 1p-3p; rotated to different locations in the Greater Kansas City area.
- APIC Chapter 115-Heart of America
 - Meetings are bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday, odd months
 - Roundtable sharing zoom sessions are bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday, even months

NHSN-has more than just COVID-19 reporting!

- <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/training/2022/lcf-ppm-module-training-508.pdf>
 - **Hand hygiene**
 - **Gown/glove use module**
 - **Reporting plans**

Survey Preparedness:

We shared this information last month, however all the links did not work in the PDF format, so re-sending to you can take advantage of the document links. It was asked last month if anyone had been through a survey recently, so sharing a CMS webpage link that can help you prepare for a survey in case you don't already have this link saved! About halfway down the page, if you click on "survey resources" it will download a zip file of multiple PDFs and word documents.

- <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/guidanceforlawsandregulations/nursing-homes>

This file is specific to infection control and is one of the documents that can be accessed through the above link's "survey resources" zip file.

- [CMS-20054-Infection Prevention Control and Immunization](#)

Also, upon asking our KFMC staff for additional insight regarding recent surveys, Brenda Groves has put together some additional information you may find useful! Please see below and as already mentioned, please do not hesitate to ask if you have questions or need assistance with a specific topic!

Additional information from recent surveys along with useful resources:

F880- Infection control- 5th most cited deficiency, thus far, for FY2023

- Per QCOR, in FY 2023, this has been cited 15 times- for 12 homes
- A review of these citations revealed the following trends
 - Improper Hand hygiene during wound care, catheter care, perineal care
 - Improper handling of linens
 - Improper masking
 - Improper care, maintenance and storage of catheter bags and oxygen tubing
 - Failure to disinfect shared resident equipment (lifts, blood glucose machines)
 - Improper storage of trash and soiled linen bins

- Resources
 - [Cleaning, Disinfection, Environment of Care Slides and Recording | HQIN](#)
 - [Hand Hygiene, Personal Protective Equipment & Isolation Slides and Recording | HQIN](#)
 - [Best Practices Pocket Cards | HQIN](#)
 - [HQIN Hand Hygiene Action Plan Template](#)
 - [HQIN Hand Hygiene Competence](#)
 - [HQIN Environmental Hygiene Action Plan Template](#)

F690- Bowel, Bladder, Catheter, UTI- 4th most cited deficiency, thus far, for FY2023

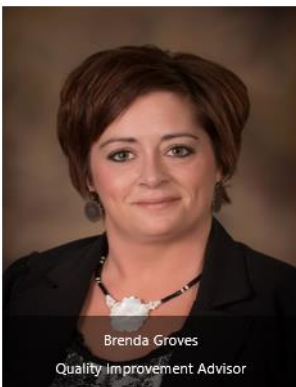
- Per QCOR, in FY 2023, this has been cited 16 times for 12 homes
- Resources:
 - [HQIN UTI toolkit for LTC facilities](#)
 - [CMS 20068 Urinary Catheter or UTI](#)
- [Nursing Home Suspected UTI Action Tool | HQIN](#)

F884- NHSN Reporting- the #1 cited deficiency

- Per QCOR, in FY2023, this has been cited 145 times

Other areas of concern noted during 2567 reviews

- Antibiotic stewardship (F881)-
 - [Antibiotic Stewardship Action Plan Template | HQIN](#)
 - [Long-Term Care Antibiotic Stewardship Resources | HQIN](#)
- Designation of IP (F882)
- Competent Staff (F726)—9th most frequent citation for FY2023
 - [CMS-20062 Sufficient and Competent Nurse Staffing Review](#)



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