Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite! Identification, Prevention, and Control of Bed Bugs in Health Care Facilities

Wednesday, June 26, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (CDT)

Overview:
Bed bugs have been in the news a lot recently. How big of a problem are they? The results of a nationwide survey of pest management professionals released last month by the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) and the University of Kentucky report that bed bug infestations in the United States have been increasing in the past few years. Some experts point to the upcoming summer months as being particularly problematic, as warmer weather leads to increased mobility among people and inadvertent transport of the pests to new environments.

Although most often associated with residential settings, hospitals and nursing homes are not immune from bed bug infestations. In fact, the most recent data show that pest management companies treated approximately twice as many infestations in hospitals and nursing homes in 2012 than in 2010. Ambulances, emergency rooms, and hospital waiting areas have also been found to be affected, as sick patients are transported from bed bug infested environments to hospitals, and family members transfer the pests to waiting room furniture.

While bed bugs have not been found to transmit infections to humans, they leave itchy bites after feeding, and these can lead to secondary infections after victims scratch. In addition, the negative publicity that often follows a report of a bed bug infestation can have a lasting and damaging effect on a health care facility’s reputation for delivering quality care.

Presented by a national expert in the infection prevention field, this webinar will provide participants with specific strategies for coping with bed bugs in hospital and nursing home settings. A valuable question and answer session will conclude the webinar.

Learning objectives:
This one hour webinar will enhance participants’ understanding of bed bugs and describe the challenges of and approaches to dealing with the problem in hospital and nursing home settings. Participants will be able to:

- Describe the biology and behaviors of bed bugs.
- Explore the factors contributing to the growing problem of bed bugs.
- Explain the risk of bed bug infestation in hospital and nursing home settings.
- Discuss the latest detection and control methods for bed bug infestations.
- Describe enhanced vigilance and awareness as key factors in combating the bed bug problem.
- Create strategies for outreach and staff education.
**Target audience:**

This webinar will be of particular interest to infection preventionists, environmental services executives and staff, nurses, social workers, public relations professionals, and hospital facilities staff. Participants who are new to the health care field, as well as experienced hospital and nursing home staff, will benefit from participating in this webinar.

**Faculty:**

Kathleen Meehan Arias, MS, MT (ASCP), SM (AAM), CIC, is director of Arias Infection Control Consulting, LLC, based in Crownsville, Maryland. Prior to establishing Arias Infection Control Consulting, Kathy was manager of infection control at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Kathy has over 30 years of infection prevention and control experience in a variety of settings, including acute care hospitals, long-term care, rehabilitation care, and ambulatory care. She currently provides consultative infection prevention services to health care facilities, dental and medical practices, and health care-related organizations.

A long-time member of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), Kathy is a past president of the APIC board of directors and serves on the faculty for APIC’s Education for the Prevention of Infection (EPI) courses.

Kathy was the 2011 recipient of APIC’s prestigious Carole DeMille Achievement Award, which is given annually to an infection preventionist who best exemplifies the ideals of Carole DeMille, a pioneer in the field. She is also the recipient of the 2010 Education Committee Special Recognition Award for her contributions to the committee throughout the years.

Kathy is the author of the APIC Tool Kit, *Surveillance Programs in Health Care Settings*, and the Jones and Bartlett Publishers textbook, *Outbreak Investigation, Prevention and Control in Health Care Settings: Critical Issues in Patient Safety, 2nd edition*. She is also the editor and an author of the APIC/Joint Commission Resources, *Infection Prevention and Control Workbook* and the APIC Tool Kit, *Assessing and Developing an Infection Control Program in the Acute Care Setting*. Kathy has written journal articles and book chapters on various infection prevention topics, including the surveillance chapter in *APIC’s Text of Infection Control and Epidemiology*.

Kathy has taught epidemiology classes at Thomas Jefferson University and at the Medical College of Philadelphia, and has served on the faculties of The Pennsylvania State University and the Hahnemann University College of Allied Health Sciences. She is a frequent speaker at local, national, and international conferences.

Kathy received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Technology from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Microbiology from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. She holds her Certification in Infection Prevention and Control (CIC®) from the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC).

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**Registration:**

There is a site fee of $175.00 for NDHA Member Hospitals and $300.00 for Non-members for this course. **Member Hospital is referred to as an individual freestanding facility, not a hospital system.** The registration fee provides you with one phone number, Web connection and a downloadable handout. Numerous people at one physical site are encouraged to participate in the Web Conference through one registration (utilizing the same telephone/Web connection). If any additional locations or facilities are added into your connection, additional registration fees will be charged. If participants at your site require more than one telephone/Web connection, additional registration fees will be charged.

Prior to the program you will receive an e-mail containing instructions on how to connect to the conference. This e-mail will also contain codes to access the conference call. **Advance registration by June 19, 2013 is required to ensure delivery of instructional materials. A late**
fee of $25.00 will be charged for any registrations after this date. This fee is necessary, as we are being charged a late fee for any last minute registrations that require an overflow line on the bridge. If you do not receive an e-mail from Linda Simmons prior to the program with your handouts and dial-in information, please contact her at 701 224-9732.

Please contact Linda Simmons at 701 224-9732 or lsimmons@ndha.org for further information. You may register by fax (701) 224-9529, online at http://www.ndha.org under Education or by mail PO Box 7340, Bismarck ND 58507.

Registration fees are non-refundable unless notice of an individual’s cancellation is received at NDHA five working days prior to the event, in which case a cancellation fee of $50.00 will be deducted from your registration fee. If notice of cancellation is received after this date, there is no refund. You will be billed whether or not you attend the program.

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