



Preventing the Transmission of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (PS 201)

THE NEED

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates up to 10 percent of patients treated in healthcare facilities develop a healthcare-associated infection (HAI). Two million HAIs are associated with nearly 100,000 deaths each year in the United State and are one of the leading causes of death.

Preventing the Transmission of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (PS 201) is an intermediate-level course that provides healthcare workers with an overview of HAIs, focusing on the challenges of treating multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs) and best practices used to reduce the risk of MDROs.

PS 201 TOPICS INCLUDE

- ▼ A definition of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), and an assessment of their impact in the healthcare setting
- ▼ A discussion of the significance of multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs) and their failure to respond to treatment
- ▼ Identification of evidence-based practices used to prevent MDROs in acute care facilities
- ▼ Fostering an enhanced atmosphere of patient safety to encourage the elimination of preventable MDROs
- ▼ Performing proper hand hygiene to reduce the risk of contamination and the spread of organisms
- ▼ Encouraging patients' active involvement in their own care as a patient safety strategy

COMPETENCY/CAPABILITY ADDRESSED

- ▼ Assists individuals and organizations in meeting the Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goal 07.03.01 training requirement for healthcare workers in the area of HAIs, including MDROs
- ▼ Fully aligned with recommendations/requirements of the CDC, the Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)

TARGET AUDIENCE

- ▼ Clinical (e.g., physicians, nurses, patient care assistants, clinical laboratory professionals, mid-level practitioners and radiology technicians)

MODALITY

- ▼ Web-based training

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