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Role of the Hospital Epidemiologist in Quality Management

The Institute for Health Care Improvement has joined with The Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America (SHEA) in scheduling a workshop for the afternoon of Saturday, March 19, preceding the Fourth Annual Meeting of SHEA, titled "Using Quality Management and Clinical Epidemiology to Improve Infection Control Outcomes and Program Performance." Collaborating with SHEA members Don Goldmann and

Bryan Simmons as faculty are pediatrician Don Berwick of the Harvard Community Health Plan and Emily Rhinehart of AIG Consultants, Inc. Attendees at the meeting who were enthused by Dick Wenzel's state-of-the-art clinical article in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* published in November 1993, in which he alluded to the reasons that he left *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* to found the new journal, *Clinical*

Performance and Quality Health Care, may find this workshop of particular interest as it attempts to show the intrinsic relationships of the disciplines represented by these two journals.

To determine if space is still available at the workshop, contact the SHEA Meetings Department at (609) 8451720 (voice) or (609) 853-0411 (fax).

William J. Martone, MD, Retires as Membership Committee Chairman

William J. Martone, MD, has retired as chairman of the membership committee to assume responsibilities as SHEA vice president. Dr. Mar-tone is the director of the Hospital Infections Program, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Martone will be succeeded by H. Gunner Deery II, MD, who will serve a three-year term that began in January 1994. Dr. Mar-tone's committee successfully redesigned and published the SHEA membership brochure and revised

the SHEA membership application form. The committee is currently in the final stages of designing and acquiring a SHEA exhibit booth, which will be used for recruiting new members at various scientific meetings. The committee also was involved in revising procedures for handling delinquent dues payments and in offering free one-year associate memberships to doctoral-level student nonmembers who attended the SHEA/CDC/AHA courses. A substantial number of new members are associates who

renew their membership the following year. Dr. Mar-tone's committee saw SHEA membership grow by more than 100 new members in 1993. "Many membership challenges still need to be addressed, not the least of which is increasing the number of noninfectious diseases professionals in SHEA," said Dr. Mar-tone. We wish Dr. Martone the best of luck as vice president and wish Dr. Deery success in meeting the challenges of the SHEA membership committee.