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SHEA to Join the CDC, APIC, NFID, and AHA for a Combined Fourth Decennial International Conference on Nosocomial Infections

Preparations for the Fourth Decennial International Conference on Nosocomial Infections got under way in Washington, DC, on August 5, 1994. Representatives from the Hospital Infections Program at the CDC, SHEA, APIC, NFID, and AHA began planning a combined meeting to be held in Atlanta in the spring of the year 2000. The combined meeting will take the place of the regular SHEA Annual Scientific Meeting for that year. However, other meetings

ordinarily held in conjunction with the SHEA Annual Meeting will be held at the time of the combined meeting, including the annual business meeting of the membership, the spring meeting of the SHEA governing board, and meetings of various SHEA committees. The SHEA awards will be presented, and the SHEA Lecture also will be presented.

Several committees have been established to organize and oversee the conduct of the

meeting. The coordinating committee set the overall direction for the conference. The scientific program committee will be responsible for the scientific content and selection of speakers for the conference. Other committees include the social events, exhibits, publications, and publicity committees.

SHEA's regular annual meetings will resume in the year 2001, tentatively planned to be held in Toronto, Canada.

Development and Implementation of Quality Standards

In collaboration with the quality standards subcommittee of the clinical affairs committee of the IDSA, who developed three standards in infectious diseases practice endorsed by the IDSA, in March 1994 *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology* published quality standards for antimicrobial prophylaxis in surgical procedures, for the treatment of bacteremia, and for the assurance of measles

immunity among healthcare workers. In the first two standards, considerable attention was given to methods that the hospital epidemiologist could use to implement these standards or guidelines at his or her particular institution, assuming personal and institutional acceptance.

In participation with the new IDSA steering committee on practice guidelines, your SHEA

News editorial group is surveying the dissemination, acceptance, and implementation of these three focal quality standards, available now for 6 months. We would appreciate your faxing this page to Murray Batt at (708) 3182332 after completing the following table. Results will appear in a subsequent issue of the SHEA News and may be useful as well to the new IDSA steering committee.

| | Antibiotic Prophylaxis | Treatment of Bacteremia | Measles Immunity |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Hospital epidemiology aware of guidelines? (yes/no) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Hospital QA/QI willing to adopt? (yes/no) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Implementation begun? (yes/no) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Implementation complete? (yes/no) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Hospital is: (circle) | government/private | teaching/nonteaching | no. beds _____ |
| State _____ Zip Code _____ | | | |