

hospitals, only ventilated ICU patients were affected. There had not been any noticeable increase in the rate of respiratory isolates with the other gram-negative rods identified, and therefore no isolates had been saved to allow PFGE comparison.

Alcohol-free mouthwashes have been used as an alternative for patients with sensitive mucous membranes due to radiation, chemotherapy, or disease. However, the FDA has found contamination in several alcohol-free mouthwash products.

Based upon evidence from our outbreak investigation and others in the literature, we recommend that hospitals and other healthcare facilities discontinue use of alcohol-free mouthwash products for ventilated or immunocompromised patients. In addition, we suggest that this recommendation be incorporated into the CDC "Guidelines for Prevention of Nosocomial Pneumonia."¹³

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CDC Satellite Broadcast on HIV Prevention

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"HIV Prevention Update: Men Who Have Sex With Men," a satellite broadcast, is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2000, 1 to 3 PM Eastern standard time. The CDC and the Public Health Training Network are sponsoring this forum, which will focus on activities and resources to prevent HIV infection among men who have sex with men (MSM). Viewers will hear about CDC activities and programs occurring throughout the country.

This broadcast is designed for organizations and persons who provide HIV prevention and other health and social services for MSM. This audience includes public health programs, community-based organizations, and policy makers. Speakers will discuss the HIV epidemic among MSM, factors contributing to increases in risk behaviors, effective HIV prevention programs for MSM, and resources and technical assistance for conducting HIV prevention programs for this population. Viewers may fax questions and comments before and during the broadcast.

Additional information for organizations and potential viewers is available

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