

# Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee (HAIAC) Meeting

June 8, 2022  
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Webinar, PSOB  
800 NE Oregon St.  
Portland, OR 97232

Agenda, materials, minutes, recordings, and transcriptions for meetings are available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DiseasesConditions/CommunicableDisease/HAI/Prevention/Pages/Meetings.aspx>.

**MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

- Joshua Bardfield, Supply Chain Services Manager, The Oregon Clinic, P.C. (phone)
- Trista Berry, Infection Prevention/Quality and Risk Manager, St. Alphonsus Medical Center - Baker City (phone)
- Genevieve Buser, MD, Pediatric Infectious Disease Physician, Providence St. Vincent Medical Center (phone)
- Pamela Cortez, MBA, BSN, RN, CNE, BC, Director of Patient Safety and Clinical Support, Salem Health (phone)
- Dennis Drapiza, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC, Regional Director, Infection Prevention and Control, Kaiser Permanente Northwest (phone)
- Sydney Edlund, MS, Director of Research and Analytics, Oregon Patient Safety Commission, Oregon Patient Safety Commission (phone)
- Vicki Nordby, RN, BSN, Nurse Consultant, Marquis Companies, Inc. (phone)
- Pat Preston, MS, Executive Director, Center for Geriatric Infection Control (phone)

**MEMBERS  
EXCUSED:**

- Paul Cieslak, MD, Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention (ACDP) and Immunizations Medical Director, Oregon Public Health Division (PHD), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
- Wendy L. Edwards, RN, BSN, Patient Safety Surveyor, Health Facility Licensing and Certification, Oregon PHD, OHA
- Jon Furuno, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Oregon State University/College of Pharmacy, Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU)
- Jesse Mensik Kennedy, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant, Oregon Nurses Association

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### OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

- Kirsten Schutte, MD, Infectious Disease and Medical Director of Infection Prevention and Control, Asante
- Sandra Assasnik, Director Safety & Quality, Washington State Hospital Association (phone)
- Katea Bejanu, Infection Preventionist, Bend Surgery Center (phone)
- Lisa Barton, Associate Improvement Advisor, Comagine Health (phone)
- Michelle Bell, Infection Preventionist, Providence (phone)
- Valerie Harmon, Interim Executive Director, Oregon Patient Safety Commission (phone)
- Debra Hurst, RN, BSN, CIC, Infection Control Consultant, HandsOn IC Consultative Services (phone)
- Jessica Hubbard, MPH, BSN, RN, Infection Prevention Program Manager, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (phone)
- Minda Johnson, Infection Control, Salem Outpatient Surgery Center (phone)
- Yoojin Kim, Ph.D., CIC, Interim Director, Infection Prevention and Control, OHSU (phone)
- Randall Woltjer, MD, PhD, Pathologist, OHSU (phone)
- Maisie Taylor, Director of Quality, Blue Mountain Hospital (phone)
- David Streeter, Policy Director, Washington State Hospital Association (phone)
- Alex Powers, Reporter, Mid-Valley Media (phone)
- Emy Tolan, Registered Nurse, DaVita Kidney Care (phone)
- Carolyn Wiens, BSN, RN, Manager Infection Prevention, Salem Health Hospitals and Clinics (phone)

### OHA STAFF PRESENT:

- Therese Antony, RN, CIC ACDP Infection Preventionist (phone)
- Jennifer Brown, Executive Support Specialist to COVID 19 Response Deputy Director (phone)
- Judith Guzman-Cottrill, DO, Contractor, OHA (phone)
- Elizabeth Johnson, RN, BSN, ACDP Infection Preventionist (phone)
- Laura LaLonde, MPH, CPH, CHES, ACDP HAI Office Specialist (phone)
- Meghan Linder, MPH, ACDP Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Fellow (phone)

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- Mary Martin, MScPH, BSN, RN, ACDP Infection Preventionist (phone)
- Meghan Millet, BSN, RN ACDP Infection Preventionist (phone)
- Rebecca Pierce, PhD, MS, BSN, ACDP HAI Program Manager (phone)
- Stephen Ladd-Wilson, Electronic Reporting, Infectious Waste, & Administrative Rules Manager (phone)
- Roza Tammer, MPH, CIC, ACDP Infection Control Epidemiologist (phone)

**ISSUES HEARD:**

- Call to order and roll call
- Logistics update
- Approve March 2022 minutes
- Discussion: Topics for future meetings & reports
- COVID response and recovery: Recenter quality and safety
- Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD): Overview and Oregon perspective
- OHA updates
- Public comment
- Final roll call and adjourn

Item	Discussion	Action Items
<b>Call to order and roll call</b> Dennis Drapiza, Chair	Thirty-eight attendees, 8 members	No action items
<b>Logistics update</b> Roza Tammer, OHA	➤ HAIAC membership updates  Three vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health insurer representative.</li> <li>• Representative of Department of Human Services.</li> <li>• Physician who practices in an ambulatory surgical center (ASC) with interest and involvement in infection control.</li> </ul>	Please share “Bring your voice to the table” one-pager with your networks and email Roza if interested.

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<p><b>Approve March 2022 minutes</b></p>	<p>March 2022 minutes were approved.</p>	<p>Approved March 2022 minutes.</p>
<p><b>Discussion: Topics for future meetings and reports</b> All members and attendees</p>	<p>➤ Topics for future meetings:</p> <p>Pat Preston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topics for long term care</li> <li>• Status of <i>Candida auris</i></li> </ul> <p>Carolyn Wiens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to basics of infection prevention in facilities</li> </ul> <p>Genevieve Buser:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to increase pool of infection Preventionists for hiring</li> <li>• Competency in contact tracing</li> </ul> <p>Vicki Nordby:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infectious and biohazard waste in facilities.</li> </ul> <p>Jessica Hubbard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection Preventionist training for staff education and new staff orientation</li> </ul>	
<p><b>COVID response and recovery: Recentering quality and safety</b> Sydney Edlund, Oregon Patient Safety Commission</p> <p>Dennis Drapiza, Kaiser Permanente</p>	<p>➤ How has COVID changed &amp; shaped our practices?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reevaluating relevance or measurement of quality metrics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reevaluating fit testing policies</li> <li>• Function of Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and ventilation systems and infection control.</li> <li>• Evaluating different facility types such as dental</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Evaluating programs and projects in light of changing priorities</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Audits and assessments of Infection Control practices (e.g., hand hygiene)</li><li>• Policy development</li><li>• Patient and family needs</li><li>• Health equity</li><li>• High reliability</li><li>• Staff training and workforce development needs</li><li>• How do we return to our prior care work flows to help with access to care?</li><li>• Universal masking has decreased the need to perform certain exposure investigations.</li></ul> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Genevieve Buser: How do we return to our prior care work flows to help with access to care?</p> <p>Roza Tammer: How has the remote work environment really impacted training in the healthcare setting for who and how?</p> <p>Sydney Edlund: It is hard to test the level of engagement in the remote environment. Post tests after videos are not as engaging as in person learning.</p> <p>Sydney Edlund: Staffing shortages has made this challenging. Hospitals that used to have secret observers for a hand hygiene program no longer have their teams. Staff were also pulled from this duty to meet needs due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Dennis Drapiza: Due to staffing shortages, systems have used an electronic monitoring system.</p>	
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	<p>Judith Guzman-Cottrill: Have any facilities or healthcare systems been able to leverage the pandemic to increase the full-time equivalent of the Infection Preventionists or medical directors with infection prevention programs?</p> <p>Dennis Drapiza: Yes, I was able to leverage the pandemic to have a second full-time equivalent with ambulatory surgery centers in our system. We were able to leverage supervisory roles and have on call hours for infection prevention.</p> <p>Sandra Assasnik: Washington State Hospital Association conducted a survey that expressed the following challenges including National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) and reporting Methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI). The survey identified antimicrobial stewardship and environmental infection prevention and control as being the top priorities. There is a new National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) dashboard with the option to compare by state and by system.</p> <p>Katea Bejanu: What are people doing regarding facility screening?</p> <p>Dennis Drapiza: Yes, we are screening visitors and patients upon entry at the door. We have an actual greeter</p>	
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	<p>program. Some systems have implemented signage but still have universal masking.</p> <p>Cronin, Jessica A., Anit Saha, Sopnil Bhattarai, Alia Fink, Lisbeth Fahey, and Rahul Shah. 2021. "<a href="#">Quality Improvement Education in the Era of COVID-19: A Pivot Toward Virtual Education.</a>" <i>Pediatric Quality &amp; Safety</i> 6 (4): e418.</p>	
<p>Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease: Overview and Oregon Perspective Stephen Ladd-Wilson, OHA Randy Woltjer, OHSU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ See meeting materials pages 8 – 29.</li> <li>➤ Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary general statement about neurodegenerative disease:</li> <li>• Neurodegenerative diseases are most often sporadic in nature and are attributed to a complex combination of genetic susceptibility factors, environmental exposures, and advancing age</li> <li>• But a minority of cases occur as inherited forms, often in a dominant fashion that indicate important roles for specific proteins in disease pathogenesis</li> <li>• Pathogenic changes involving these proteins are often not entirely region specific and give rise to complex mixtures of disease phenotypes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Examples of transmitted CJD Variant CJD (vCJD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cadaveric dural grafts</li> <li>• Incompletely decontaminated neurosurgical instruments</li> <li>• Pituitary hormone derived from cadaveric donors</li> </ul> <p>Shared features of prion diseases</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long incubation periods</li> <li>• Progressive fatal neurological diseases with motor, sensory, and cognitive deficits</li> <li>• Cause spongiform pathology</li> <li>• Caused by misfolding of a normal membrane glycoprotein, PrP</li> <li>• Evoke no immune response</li> <li>➤ Oregon CJD/Prion Data 1991-2021</li> </ul> <p>Average annual incidence rate 1991-2021 1.5 million/year (n=165)</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Genevieve Buser: Are the protocols for cleaning neurosurgical instruments different for sterilization, in the context of the risk of there being for prion diseases from brain tissue?</p> <p>Stephen Ladd-Wilson: There is a sub link that discusses reprocessing instruments used in patients, CDC's Infection Control Link: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/prions/cjd/infection-control.html">https://www.cdc.gov/prions/cjd/infection-control.html</a></p> <p>Nakagaki, Takehiro, et al. 2022. "Detection of Prions in a Cadaver for Anatomical Practice." N Engl J Med 2022; 386:2245-2246 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMc2204116</p> <p>Presentation link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/embed/Vtt1kAVDhDQ">https://www.youtube.com/embed/Vtt1kAVDhDQ</a></p>	
<p><b>OHA updates</b> Roza Tammer, OHA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ See meeting materials pages 30 – 32.</li> <li>➤ Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) activity</li> <li>• We are seeing an uptick recently.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an intense flu situation going on currently in Australia, comparable to 2017.</li> <li>• Flu fell dramatically during COVID and now we are seeing a bit of a resurgence</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Public comment</b></p>	<p>Genevieve Buser: Were confirmed cases of people who had eaten deer or elk who were affected by prion disease and getting it or if we are curious to know if hunting is a risk factor</p> <p>Stephen Ladd-Wilson: There was a study in hunters several years ago where they looked at, huh, people in the same state or states who were hunters and non-hunters and they found no increased incidents in hunters compared to non-hunters.</p> <p>Stephen Ladd-Wilson: There's a roadkill rule in Oregon where if you see roadkill, you have to bring the head in. They do test roadkill for chronic wasting disease. There's a lot of chronic wasting disease surveillance in Oregon.</p> <p>They do not want those skulls being imported into Oregon as well as banning a lot of hunters hunt with deer scent urine and I think they've put a or were thinking about putting a ban on importing urine scent from chronic wasting disease endemic areas just to keep it out of Oregon.</p>	
<p><b>Final roll call and adjourn</b> <b>Dennis Drapiza</b></p>	<p>None.</p>	

**Next meeting will be September 14, 2022, 1:00pm-3:00 pm via webinar only.**

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Reviewed by Roza Tammer