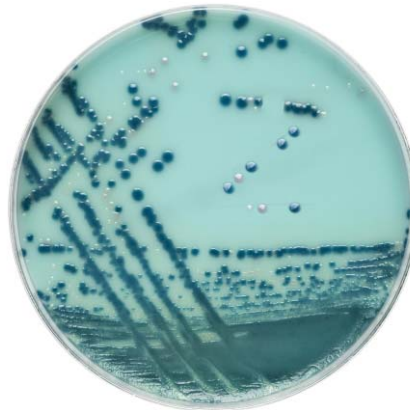


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### Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)

**Carbapenems** are a class of antibiotics with a broad spectrum of activity that are often used as a last resort to treat bacterial infections. **Enterobacteriaceae** are a family of bacteria that are often found in people's gastrointestinal tract that can cause infections both in community and healthcare settings. Some species within the *Enterobacteriaceae* particularly *Klebsiella pneumoniae* have become extremely resistant to almost all available antibiotics and are creating important challenges in health-care settings. Recently released guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend both laboratory diagnostics to detect these highly resistant organisms coupled with aggressive measures to prevent cross-transmission within healthcare facilities. These include Contact Precautions including gowns and gloves for all patient contact for the duration of their hospitalization. Further testing may be warranted if cross transmission is suspected.

### The 5th Annual Fleming Infection Prevention and Infectious Diseases Symposium - 9/27/13

Save the date for our annual symposium on 9/27/13, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year! This year will feature another dynamic line-up of nationally known speakers delivering important information on current topics. The official save-the-date was emailed to the network this week and registration will be open next month. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear these speakers and your chance to win an iPad!

## Blood and Body Fluid Exposures



**REPORT** all blood and body fluid exposures **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to Employee Health Services during open hours and to the Emergency Department after hours. Call 610-402-STIK for information on what to do following an exposure. Representatives from Employee Health Services and Infection Control & Prevention are on call 24/7 to answer questions and provide guidance for employee and source patient follow up.

## Stop! Wash with soap and water!

To ensure that soap and water (in place of hand sanitizer) is used when caring for patients with C. difficile and Norovirus, **Stop! Wash with soap and water!** signs have been distributed. To order additional signs, please contact Emilie Croft at [Emilie.Croft@lvhn.org](mailto:Emilie.Croft@lvhn.org). Special thanks to 4K for this creative idea!



## Hand Sanitizer Name Change

The name of the **ECOLAB** waterless hand sanitizer has changed from Quik-Care Gel Waterless Hand Sanitizer to **Moisturizing Gel Hand Sanitizer**. The formula of this product has not changed, this is simply a brand name change.

## Glove Boxes

Kimberly Clark recently added a new feature to their glove boxes to avoid multiple dispensing and prevent glove waste. This feature is known as the SmartPULL Dispensing system.

Step 1: Remove the perforated carton opening at Tab 1, this provides for a smaller opening and helps prevent multiple dispensing and glove waste.

Step 2: As the box empties and dispensing becomes difficult, remove the opening indicated by Tab 2.

Please click [here](#) to review the attached information flyer and share with your staff.

## Hand Lotion for Use by Healthcare Professionals

Medichoice hand lotion is the approved hand lotion for employees. This lotion was selected because it is latex free and CHG compatible. It's imperative that employees only use this approved hand lotion while at work. This may be ordered from SDS.

## New FAQ section on Infection Control & Prevention website

We have added a new FAQ section to the Infection Control & Prevention website, please click the link below to view: <http://lvhwebcontent.lvh.com/?id=3900&sid=1>

We will be posting commonly asked questions on this website as we receive them. If you have any questions, please feel free to submit one to the Infection Control & Prevention department.

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## Welcome new Infection Preventionist!



**Sharon Miller** has joined IC&P as a full time Infection Preventionist. Sharon started her career as a Medical Technologist after graduating from Cedar Crest College with a BS in Biology and Medical Technology. She has worked as a laboratory generalist, as a Specialist in Chemistry and as a Microbiologist. Most recently, she spent 6 months in the ICP Department at Easton Hospital doing surveillance and documenting infections in the NHSN network of the CDC. Additionally, she obtained an MBA from DeSales University in 2006, and spent two years as a product support specialist for OraSure Technologies.

Sharon lives in Nazareth and has 2 sons. Wyatt is a sophomore at Fordham University, New York, studying Finance and Economics. Colton is graduating from High School this year and will be attending Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee to study Biology and Pre-Health with hopes of going to Medical School.

Sharon enjoys spending time with her family, exercising, gardening, and has a passion for tennis, which she plays year-round. Her husband, Jack, works for Follett Corporation as an International Service Manager and also works on new product development. They have one other girl in their family, Lily, their Wheaton Terrier.

Sharon is very excited to be joining the IC&P Department at LVHN and hopes her work will make a difference to our patients and their safety. She feels blessed to be with such a great group of colleagues.

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