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Candid Conversations: *Candida auris* and Other MDROs

Qsource, the designated Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for the state of Indiana, recently partnered with staff at the Indiana Department of Health to create an [informational video](#) focused on *Candida auris*. This video covers the topics of clinical implications of the pathogen *Candida auris* including clinical infections, colonization, epidemiology, steps to take when a case is identified at a facility, and a testimonial from an infection preventionist at a long-term care facility with experience in handling these cases.

A link to this video is also posted on the IDOH *Candida auris* webpage: [Health: Infectious Disease Epidemiology & Prevention Division: *Candida auris*](#)

Building an Infection Prevention Savvy Workforce: Free Training for LTC Professionals

The University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community and the Indiana Department of Health will host in 2023, 11 sessions of Building an Infection Prevention Savvy Workforce for long-term care professionals. These sessions will each be comprised of three half-days spread over three weeks. The virtual training sessions are designed to provide an in-depth education on infection control with long-term care specific content and examples.

Who should attend?

Indiana long-term care professionals who are interested in infection prevention and control.

When:

Session 1: Complete

Session 2: Complete

Session 3: March 3, 10 and 17

Session 4: March 14, 21 and 28

Session 5: April 14, 21 and 28

Session 6: May 5, 12 and 19

Session 7: Aug. 15, 22 and 29

Session 8: Sept. 15, 22 and 29

Session 9: Oct. 6, 13 and 20

Session 10: Oct. 18, 25 and Nov. 1

Session 11: Nov. 3, 10 and 17

Participants are required to attend all three days.

Delivery Mode:

The training is in three day, virtual training sessions. The class is designed to offer three partial days of virtual training, with a week interval between sessions. Participants are required to attend all three days. Class is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT each day. Please note that breaks will be given, but there is no lunch period.

Content:

The virtual training sessions are designed to provide in-depth education in infection control with long term care specific content and examples. The course will involve a pre-and post-test to reflect knowledge improvement. Additionally, there will be a "final exam" given after the third virtual session.

Credential:

Participants receiving a score of 75% or above on the final exam will receive a Certificate of Training: Infection Prevention in the Long-Term Care Setting. CEUs are available for Administrators and Social Workers.

To register, at no cost, please visit:

https://store.uindy.edu/catalog?pagename=Infection_Prevention

Email [Amy Magan](mailto:Amy.Magan@uindy.edu) for more information.

Free Teepa Snow Dementia Orientation Webinar Available

Are you looking for a first-touch nursing home orientation to dementia training for employees?

Through the CMP-funded project, "Building a Dementia-Competent Nursing Home Workforce," the University of Southern Indiana (USI) and Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care (PAC) are offering a **free** two-hour dementia curriculum for all skilled nursing facilities in Indiana to use for new employee orientation. This orientation is delivered to you in easy-to-use content that can be used in your nursing homes with materials consisting of a step-by-step script, a supporting Teepa Snow video, and a PowerPoint presentation. This content was created by Teepa Snow and her PAC team before being piloted at USI. Orientation topics include brain changes associated with dementia and supportive responses to caring for people living with dementia. Teepa Snow's engaging teaching style will help orientation attendees discover the value in what remains for people living with dementia instead of what a person with dementia loses.

There will also be two 1-hour zoom webinar sessions on March 16, 10-11 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. both EDT, that will go over the provided materials and guide you through navigation of the technology and curriculum. Teepa Snow will attend the first session as well as Beth Nolan (with Teepa Snow's team) and Nick Faddis (graduate assistant at USI). The second session will be led by Beth and Nick only. To access the webinar link, please click on the link below. The link below will give you access to the dementia curriculum and the webinar link. The webinar link was sent out to all of those who have already accessed the dementia orientation through the link below.

For access to the materials, please complete the short questionnaire with the following link:

https://usisurvey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eM6FRkk1yqzQmmq

Any questions may be directed to Katie Ehlman (mehlman@usi.edu), Beth Nolan (bethn@teepasnow.com), or Nick Faddis (nfaddis@eagles.usi.edu).

Reporting of COVID-19 POC Test Results – Reminder

Facilities are reminded of the need to report COVID-19 point of care (POC) test results. Please refer to the following guidance:

[LTC Facility Data Submission Guidelines](#)

PPE, Lab, and Vaccination Supplies Still Available to Order Through Langham

The Indiana Department of Health has quantities of PPE, lab, and vaccination supplies available for order. The list below contains some of the specific items that are available for long-term care facilities:

- NP swabs, bulk anterior swabs, polyester swabs, Microbrush test Swabs, form swabs
- Specimen transport bins
- 25G 1" straight needles
- 25G 1" safety needles
- 25G 3cc syringes with needles
- 25G 1" safety syringe 1mVcc
- Alcohol prep pads
- Chux underpads
- Shoe covers
- Gowns
- Face masks
- N95 respirators
- Gloves
- Safety goggles

Please review the [IDOH Order Entry Portal Guide Instructions](#) before placing an order to ensure you are selecting the correct registration code.

Link to access portal: [Sign In Langham Portal \(elangham.com\)](#). For portal assistance please contact Covidsupport@elangham.com or 866-926-3420.

Outbreak of Extensively Drug-resistant Infections Associated with Certain Eye Products

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is collaborating with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and state and local health departments to investigate a multistate outbreak of an extensively drug-resistant strain of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The outbreak is associated with multiple types of infections, including eye infections. The investigation to date has identified artificial tears as a common exposure for many patients.

Patients should stop using EzriCare or Delsam Pharma's Artificial Tears pending additional information and guidance from CDC and FDA. If patients were advised to use EzriCare or Delsam Pharma's Artificial Tears by their healthcare provider, they should follow up with their healthcare

provider for recommendations about alternative treatment options. Delsam Pharma's Artificial Eye Ointment is also under recall due to potential bacterial contamination.

See <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/crpa-artificial-tears.html> and [FDA warns consumers not to purchase or use EzriCare Artificial Tears due to potential contamination | FDA](#) for more information.