



**December 2021**

## Infection control



**Dr. Andrew Hennenfent**

**Iowa Department of Public Health**

Dr. Andrew Hennenfent presented at DIA's quarterly lunch and learn about infection control for hospitals on Dec. 14, 2021. Dr. Hennenfent discussed the following topics:

- Regional Nurse Clinician Structure including map;
- Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs);
- Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) reporting requirements;
- Containment strategies;
- Chain of infection, and;
- Infection control assessment and response (ICAR).

If you would like to watch the recorded version, [please click here](#).

## Deficiencies and citations

### C-0914 maintenance

This regulation requires a critical access hospital (CAH) to have housekeeping and preventive maintenance programs to ensure that all essential mechanical, electrical, and patient-care equipment is maintained in safe operating condition.

### Examples of deficiencies

1. CAH was unable to provide documentation that all equipment received a

# New Health Facilities Division website application



In May 2021, DIA's Health Facilities Division launched a new web application. The new application features a user-friendly interface not only for accessing records for health facilities, but also for the Iowa Direct Care Worker Registry for certified nursing assistants (CNAs).

Entity administrators will need to request access to the new application to access facility information, self-reports, CNA information, etc. Once the administrator's access is approved, the administrator will be able to approve any other authorized facility users (i.e., entity delegate, entity HR) who request access for their facility.

Health facility employees, CNAs, and community college users are able to manage their own accounts, including making changes to their contact information.

Please note:

- Each facility is allowed to have **one** assigned entity administrator.
- Each user should be assigned only **one** role. If a user is assigned to multiple roles, the system may not work properly.
- Users should use the email address associated with their place of employment to create their Google or Microsoft account (see PDF guide below).

biomed check prior to being put into service. CAH was unable to provide documentation of ongoing required preventative maintenance for all patient care equipment. CAH allowed a patient to use a walker with uneven legs that contributed to a fall.

2. CAHs were not following manufacturer's instructions for use (IFU) related to: a) Quality control process for glucometers; b) Use of Cidex test strips – CAH did not mark the date when a bottle was opened, and CAH used test strips past the recommended

The website for the new application is [dia-hfd.iowa.gov](http://dia-hfd.iowa.gov).

### Additional resources

- [DIA Health Facilities Database User Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [DIA's Health Facilities Database: Entity Sign-In \(YouTube video\)](#)
- [DIA's Health Facilities Database: Approving Entity Users \(YouTube video for administrators\)](#)

## Employee spotlight



**Stephanie Carr** started with the Health Facilities Division in November 2021 as a health facilities surveyor.

Stephanie has an extensive background in nursing and administration. She earned her bachelor's degree from Graceland University and master's degree with a concentration in executive leadership from Purdue University. She enjoys spending time outdoors, crafting, shopping, and spending time with her friends and family.

expiration date after opening; c) Testing of Cidex – CAH was doing daily testing instead of prior to each use); d) Chair alarms were potentially used past their expiration date (Chair alarms are only supposed to be used for 30 days, CAH did not document the date the alarm was first used); e) Required daily testing of defibrillator was not done.

3. CAH did not securely store compressed air and nitrogen cylinders.

### Tips to avoid deficiencies at C-0914

1. Organize supplies and identify expiration dates through a system that

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## Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, or if there are topics you would like to see covered in this newsletter or at a future lunch-and-learn, please contact **Megan Montalvo** at [megan.montalvo@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:megan.montalvo@dia.iowa.gov) or **515.249.9648**.



make outdated supplies easily identifiable.

2. Review the policy and procedures related to introducing new equipment, and the ongoing monitoring of existing equipment.
3. Ensure policies and procedures are updated at least bi-annually and reflect the IFUs.
4. Provide ongoing education and competencies to ensure staff are following IFUs.
5. Ensure all cylinders containing compressed gasses are chained or supported by a cylinder cart.

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deficiencies cited**

- Immediate jeopardy (IJ) deficiencies: 2

1. A144 - The hospital staff failed to ensure that the nursing staff recognized and reported two instances of possible child abuse to the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) and ensure the hospital staff separated the staff members accused of abuse from all potential victims.

2. A395 - The hospital staff failed to ensure that a nurse was immediately available, and sufficiently free from other responsibilities, to provide nursing care and supervision for

every patient in the hospital.

- Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) deficiencies: 1
  1. A2406 - The hospital staff failed to ensure that every patient who presented to the hospital's dedicated emergency department received a full medical screening examination within the hospital's capabilities, including utilizing the providers in the emergency department.

## **Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals**

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