

## Preventing Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs): High-Level Disinfection (HLD) and Sterilization

**Thursday, May 25, 2017 LIVE**

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Eastern

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Central

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Mountain

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Pacific

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### Program Description

In the United States, millions of surgical procedures are performed each year. Each of these procedures involves contact by at least one medical device or surgical instrument with a patient. A major risk of all such procedures is the introduction of pathogens that can lead to infection, and failure to properly disinfect or sterilize equipment carries not only risk associated with breach of host barriers, but also risk for person-to-person transmission.

Disinfection and sterilization are essential for ensuring that medical and surgical instruments do not transmit infectious pathogens to patients. Because sterilization of all patient-care items is not a necessity, healthcare policies must identify, primarily on the basis of the items' intended use, whether cleaning, disinfection, or sterilization should be done.

The delivery of sterile products for use in patient care depends not only on the effectiveness of the sterilization process, but also on the unit design, decontamination, disassembling and packaging of the device, loading the sterilizer, monitoring, and other aspects of device reprocessing.

During this 60-minute live activity, expert faculty examine the impact of sterilization and high-level disinfection (HLD) processes in detail, and how these policies and procedures will help organizations ensure that by implementing these strategies, they can reduce or prevent the spread of infections.

### Objectives

After completing this activity, the participant should be able to:

- Identify The Joint Commission standards related to high-level disinfection (HLD) and sterilization.
- Describe The Joint Commission requirements to reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections.
- Identify methods to reduce or prevent the transmission of infection.

### Target Audience

This activity is relevant to those responsible for the prevention and control of infections, including managers and supervisors, along with training, infection control, patient safety, and quality improvement professionals.

### Presenters

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**Note:** No ACPE credit was provided for this program.

The Joint Commission is provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, provider number CEP 6381, for 1 contact hour.

The Joint Commission is authorized to award 1.0 contact hour of pre-approved ACHE Qualified Education credit for this program toward advancement or recertification in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Participants in this program wishing to have the continuing education hours applied toward ACHE Qualified Education credit should indicate their attendance when submitting application to the American College of Healthcare Executives for advancement or recertification.

This activity has been approved by the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) for 1.0 Certified Professional Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) credit.

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- View the presentation and read the accompanying Resource Guide.
- Complete the online Evaluation Form and Post Test.
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