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On-site survey: Focus on safe injection practices

According to the July 14, 2010 publication of Joint Commission Online "injection practices will be observed to ensure that care providers follow standard precautions for disease-free injections – injections that are free from used needles or contaminated medications as well as from the bloodborne pathogens that such items can transmit." All Joint Commission accredited organizations are required to follow relevant scientific guidelines for infection prevention per IC.01.05.01 EP 1, and safe injection practices are a key component of standard precautions required per IC.02.01.02 EP2. The guideline that directly addresses injection safety is the "2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings" from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC).

The Isolation and Standard Precautions course (part of the Health & Safety Compliance Series) educates your staff on safe injection practices and is in compliance with the CDC guideline. If you have any questions regarding this course, please contact Peggy Engelkemier, Director of Workforce Development Solutions at peggyeng@carelearning.com or 866-617-3904.

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- over 10 new Emergency Preparedness courses including education for first receivers and volunteers;
- Generational Effectiveness courses for both employees and managers;
- a new Influenza course at a lower cost than previously offered; and
- new leadership/management courses including financial management and mentoring skills.

If you are interested in a free 30 day trial to any of these courses, please contact Mary Winters (winters@okoha.com) or *careLearning* Technical Support (866-617-3904 or support@carelearning.com).

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Influenza – Symptoms, Treatment and Prevention

Influenza (commonly called the flu) is a highly contagious respiratory disease that strikes all ages and can cause significant illness and death. Striking hundreds of thousands of individuals worldwide every year, this disease can be prevented using a combination of techniques.

Influenza – Symptoms, Treatment and Prevention provides nurses and other health care providers with an overview of the influenza virus, including the 2009 H1N1 virus, as an emerging infectious disease of serious public health concern.

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