

HICPAC Isolation Precautions Guideline Workgroup Call

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Participants

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Agenda

- Roll call
- Brief recap from the last meeting
- Quick look at overall outline (new Parts I and II)
- Focused discussion on Part I.C.1 Standard Precautions and Part I.C.2. Transmission-based precautions
- Brief update from CDC on progress on evidence base and timing for review
- Wrap up

Discussion Summary

Review of overall outline (new Parts I and II)

After a recap of the last meeting, the group discussed the overall outline.

- Dr. Wright shared a spreadsheet with suggested names for the sections of the new Part I.
 - The new Part I can be divided into Sections A, B, and C.
 - The old 2007 Part IV (recommendations) update can be included in these new Part I sections.
 - It was suggested the level of evidence supporting the recommendations should be in bold.
 - It was suggested parts of the old Appendix A could also be moved to the new Part I (e.g., the info from the old Appendix A Standard Precautions table could be in the new Part I Standard Precautions Section).
 - Dr. Bell asked the group to email Ms. Wells ideas about how the update might be structured in order to keep a running list to be reviewed and decided upon later.
 - This spreadsheet was shared with the group before the meeting for review.

Part I.C.1 Standard Precautions and Part I.C.2. Transmission-based precautions discussion

Dr. Wright shared a second spreadsheet and led a discussion of the Standard Precautions and Transmission-based Precautions sections.

- The group reviewed and discussed the Standard Precautions section.
- Dr. Bell reiterated that any parts the group decides should not be in this update will be housed elsewhere and not be lost.
 - The 2007 document will remain available and parts will be marked as superseded segmentally.
 - That document will not be retired until all the excluded information is pointed to elsewhere, either in existing guidelines/whitepapers or newly created documents.
- The group discussed issues around naming newly described modes of transmission, which will be addressed later.
- It was suggested there could be syndromic precautions related to an increase of an infectious pathogen in your community.
- The group discussed the importance of defining what Standard Precautions are, and that teaching the implementation of Standard Precautions in various healthcare settings can come later.

- The group moved on to discuss Transmission-based precautions.
 - The spreadsheet was reviewed and the group agreed with the placeholders for now.
 - More discussion will be required to determine any new terminology around redefining modes of transmission and the subsequent precautions.

Update from CDC on progress on evidence base and timing for review

- Ms. Stone gave an overview of the preliminary evidence review work that has been done by her team and explained the evidence review process.

Wrap up

The presentation for the HICPAC meeting is underway and will be updated accordingly after today's discussion.

With no additional comments or questions, the call adjourned at 3:52 pm.
The next Workgroup call is TBD.

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