

HICPAC Isolation Precautions Guideline Workgroup Call

April 26th, 3:30 pm ET

Participants

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Agenda

- Post-HICPAC meeting debrief
- Introduction of any new members
- Discussion of new thoughts or questions from the group
- Discussion of the stepwise processes we'll use going forward

Discussion Summary

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Dr. Lin summarized his and Dr. Wright's presentation at HICPAC and introduced new workgroup members, then the group spent a few minutes discussing an overview of this update and answering questions.

- Dr. Bell summarized the proposed "big picture" outline.
 - Part I will be writing how we talk about and label different types of infection transmission relevant to healthcare.
 - Part II will be an update of Appendix A.
- In an ideal world, there is evidence to support all guidelines, but at times there may be a lack of evidence so expert opinion will need to be incorporated.
 - The Office of Guidelines and Evidence Reviews (OGER) team is doing some preliminary work that will help identify where there may be a lack of evidence.

Discussion of the stepwise processes we'll use going forward

Ms. Stone presented OGER's process and answered questions from the group.

- Ms. Stone went over the different types of reviews used to aid in the development of key questions and the answering of key questions.
 - The ongoing umbrella reviews on transmission via air and transmission via contact will help identify where there is evidence and where evidence is lacking.
 - Once key questions are developed, a systematic literature review will be conducted.
 - Several processes are followed in the absence of evidence, including but not limited to looking at the standard of care and expert evidence collection.
- The group discussed steps for moving forward.
 - There's a need to better conceptualize how near-range infection occurs.
 - The initial framing for Part I needs to continue to be fleshed out.
 - An email will be sent to the group with details on homework to be completed before the next meeting.

With no additional comments or questions, the call adjourned at 4:31 pm.

The next Workgroup call is scheduled for May 11th, 2022 at 10:00 am ET.