

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee (GAC)
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NATIONAL ISSUES

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APIC E-News (2014)

<http://apic.org/Member-Services/Publications/E-News>

3/5/2014	APIC submitted comments to the CDC Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) Draft Guideline for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection. APIC supported HICPAC's efforts, but noted that the methodology used resulted in significantly fewer practice recommendations than were included in the 1999 guidelines, which can make implementation of the guideline more challenging.
3/4/2014	A new Vital Signs report from the CDC shows that clinicians in some hospitals prescribe three times as many antibiotics than clinicians in other hospitals. The report, which provides recommended steps for hospital CEOs, medical personnel and patients, also found that a 30 percent reduction in use of the antibiotics that most often cause deadly diarrheal infections with Clostridium difficile can reduce these infections by more than 25 percent in hospitals.
3/4/2014	The FDA issued draft updated guidance on compliance with Investigational New Drug requirements for fecal transplantation (FMT) to treat Clostridium difficile infection. Updated draft guidance would add additional criteria that the product be obtained from a donor known to either the patient or the healthcare provider, and the stool and donor are qualified by screening and testing.
3/3/2014	APIC joined the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and 29 other organizations to support the Antibiotic Development to Advance Patient Treatment (ADAPT) Act, which would establish the Limited Population Antibacterial Drug pathway to speed patient access to new antibacterial drugs that treat serious or life-threatening infections where an unmet medical need exists and would also provide safeguards to guide appropriate use of the drugs. It has bipartisan support in Congress.
2/26/2014	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed 2020 targets for the National Action Plan to Prevent HAI: Roadmap to Elimination (NAPHAI). The new targets would replace previous targets which expired in December 2013. Public comment open until March 27th, 2014.
2/11/2014	The CDC has published Prevention Status Reports on healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) for all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Texas Register (2014)

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>

No new points of interest since last report.

Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:

- Be sure and check the websites below at least monthly for updated information on facility requirements and/or sign up for e-mail updates.

Texas HAI Homepage: http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/HAI/

Texas HAI Reporting Information:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/health/infection_control/HAI/Reporting/

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