

**DFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
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APIC Public Policy and E-News Highlights (2018)

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4/4/2018	<i>Vital Signs</i> report details 'containment strategy' to combat AR The CDC's newest <i>Vital Signs</i> report focuses on how early, aggressive action can prevent the spread of unusual antibiotic resistance. Such a containment strategy requires a coordinated response among healthcare facilities, labs, health departments, and CDC through the Antibiotic Resistance Lab Network. Learn more.
4/10/2018	FDA clears System 83 Plus AERs for some duodenoscope reprocessing. Read the FDA safety alert.
4/10/2018	FDA warns of cross-contamination from endoscopy connectors. Read the FDA safety alert.
4/11/2018	The Judene Bartley Advocacy in Action Scholarship is an award established by APIC and SHEA for rising leaders in infection prevention and healthcare epidemiology. Awardees receive a scholarship of \$1,500 to attend a conference or course dedicated to developing their advocacy skillset. Scholarship applications are due by May 8 , click here for more information.
4/12/2018	Premier Pharmacy Labs is voluntarily recalling injectable products due to a potential lack of sterility assurance. Microbial contamination was detected during routine testing of subsequent unreleased product lots due to interaction between the product syringe and tamper evident container closure, which may result in the potential introduction of microorganisms into the products. Read the FDA safety alert.
4/13/2018	FDA is alerting healthcare professionals to a voluntary recall of all non-expired products marketed as sterile made by Coastal Meds due to visible particles in some of the drug vials for injection. Read the FDA safety alert.
4/20/2018	The FDA authorized the first test to identify the emerging pathogen <i>Candida auris</i> , a yeast that can cause bloodstream infections in hospitalized patients and is frequently resistant to multiple antifungal drugs. Read the FDA news release.
4/24/2018	The CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has released fact sheets to answer frequently asked questions about respiratory protection. The fact sheets on fit testing , user seal check , and respirator reuse and extended use are also available from the NIOSH National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory website
4/24/2018	Please remember that May 15 is the deadline for National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) reporting for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) quality reporting programs.

Texas Register (2018)

http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml				
Last Review Completed:		-	-	4/27/2018
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X	4/6/2018	<i>Proposed – public comment open through 5/21/18</i>	25 TAC §133.2, §133.41	The purpose of the amendments is to implement Senate Bill (SB) 11, 85th Legislature, Special Session, 2017, which added Subchapter E to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 166. This subchapter defines a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order and sets out general procedures and requirements for health care facilities and hospitals regarding DNR orders.