

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

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12/19/18	<a href="#">Read about the release of updates to NHSN</a> , including the releases of Version 9.2, 2019 Patient Safety Component protocols, and the new Outpatient Procedure Component.
12/19/18	<b>NIOSH clarifies policy on facial hair and respirators</b> <a href="#">Conformity Assessment Interpretation Notice 2018-1005 Rev 1</a> clarifies that people who serve as test subjects for product evaluation or fit testing of respirators must be clean-shaven, as facial hair can interfere with the face-to-face piece seal or valve function.
12/12/18	The FDA is providing interim results from the ongoing mandated <a href="#">postmarket surveillance studies ("522 study")</a> to inform patients, hospitals and healthcare facilities of higher-than-expected contamination rates with duodenoscopes after reprocessing. Facilities and staff that reprocess duodenoscopes are reminded of the importance of manual cleaning prior to disinfection or sterilization and proper servicing of duodenoscopes. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety communication</a> .
12/12/18	The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine conducted a study on the use of half-facepiece reusable elastomeric respirators in health care. A pdf version of the prepublication copy of that report <a href="#">Reusable Elastomeric Respirators in Health Care: Considerations for Routine and Surge Use</a> can be downloaded at no cost through the National Academies webpage.
12/12/18	The FDA is alerting healthcare professionals and patients not to use drugs produced and distributed by Promise Pharmacy due to lack of sterility assurance. FDA inspectors found insanitary conditions and poor sterile production practices. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a> .
12/5/18	Post-Acute Care (PAC) provider reports for <a href="#">long-term acute care hospitals (LTCH)</a> and <a href="#">inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRF)</a> based on Q2 2017–Q1 2018 quality reports are available for provider preview until January 2, 2019 before being posted to the <a href="#">LTCH Compare</a> and <a href="#">IRF Compare</a> websites. See instructions to access preview reports for <a href="#">LTCH</a> and <a href="#">IRF</a> .
11/14/18	The FDA announced that an emergency use authorization (EUA) has been issued for a rapid, single-use test for the detection of Ebola virus ( <i>Zaire ebolavirus</i> ). Read the <a href="#">FDA news release</a> .
10/24/18	CDC published the <a href="#">2016 Healthcare-Associated Infection Progress Report</a> , to help highlight progress in HAI prevention and target areas that need improvement. This is the first annual report measuring year-to-year progress using the 2015 baseline. This is also the first progress report to be published in CDC's <a href="#">AR Patient Safety Atlas</a> .
10/24/18	Promise Pharmacy is voluntarily recalling one lot of Prednisolone and Gatifloxacin Ophthalmic Solution 1%/0.5% sterile, 3ml vials because the product has been found to have unidentified small particulate floating in the solution. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety alert</a> .
10/24/18	The FDA has approved Xofluza (baloxavir marboxil) for the treatment of acute uncomplicated influenza in patients 12 years of age and older who have been symptomatic for no more than 48 hours. This is the first new antiviral flu treatment approved by the FDA in nearly 20 years. Read the <a href="#">FDA announcement</a> .
10/24/18	The FDA notified healthcare providers that LivaNova issued a Medical Device Correction letter to announce the availability of a design upgrade and updated instructions to reduce the potential risk of infection from the Stockert 3T Heater-Cooler System during cardiac surgery. Read the <a href="#">FDA safety communication</a> .

**Texas Register (2018)**

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