



Southern New Jersey APIC is proud to have Margaret (Peg) Janasie, RN, BSN, CIC as the 2009 Chapter Leader Award. Peg has been an active APIC member since 1990. She brings professionalism, compassion, and a commitment to continuous improvement and patient safety to our chapter. Her wealth of knowledge and experience is readily shared with colleagues. She

recognizes the importance of mentoring, and in turn has provided support and education to many APIC members over the years.

Peg has served on the SJ APIC Board in a number of positions since 1990. She has served as By Laws Chair, two terms as President (2001, 2005), Member at Large, Nominating, and is currently Legislative Chair.

Peg is often the idea maker behind innovative programs that enhance infection prevention growth and status. During her tenure as President in 2001, she developed the first email list. Although email lists are common place today, it was a novel approach to providing timely information to our members at that time. Changing to the email format saved the organization approximately \$400/year in postage. In addition, she developed and maintained a list of helpful web sites for members.

Since 1994, she has been a faculty member of the board of the Northeastern Infection Control Education (NICE). She continues to teach the prevention of bloodstream infection course to this day.

Peg was the first to develop and apply for continuing education units (contact hours) for SJ APIC Chapter programs. As a result, meeting attendance and interest increased significantly. Recognizing the need to keep members up to date on industry changes, she established the Journal Club held at monthly meetings.

In 2005, in her second term as Chapter President, she initiated the first joint meeting, and developed the CEU's, with the Northern APIC Chapter and our Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) colleagues. Peg continues to serve on the annual Planning Committee not only developing contact hours, but assisting in program ideas and development.

Peg has represented our chapter's interests on many state and agency task forces, including the New Jersey Department of Health and the New Jersey Hospital Association's Pandemic Influenza Committees. In 2007-8, she served as Education Section Chair for the MRSA Task Force, a joint effort with Northern APIC and the New Jersey Department of Health in developing an action plan for MRSA legislation implementation in acute care hospitals. She also served as a chapter representative for the New Jersey Health Care Associated Infection Public Reporting Technical Task Force to address all aspects of public reporting of infections.

In 2008, in her capacity as Legislative Chair, Peg is working with NJ Department of Health on development of a staffing standard for infection prevention professionals, as well as reviewing state licensing standards for infection prevention, sterile processing, employee health and ambulatory care.

Peg Janasie continues to challenge her colleagues to actively engage in our organization and our profession. Our Chapter believes that Peg is well deserving of this award. We are fortunate to have a colleague as dedicated, honest, and knowledgeable as Peg Janasie.

Drive Through to Prevent the Flu (or anything else that's bugging you)



A model for mass medication distribution in a public health emergency

Bridget Farrell

Issue

The delivery of medications to the public during a public health emergency poses a challenge to the health care community.

Cape May County has the highest per capita elderly population in the state of New Jersey.

To address the community health needs, Cape Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in collaboration with the Cape May County Department of Health (CMCDH) chose a drive-through clinic model.

Project

The drive through flu clinic, held at an automobile dealership, is a collaborative effort between CRMC, the CMCDH, and local partners. Essential components of the program include clinic operations, staffing, marketing, consent forms, traffic control and security, supplies and equipment, safety, transportation and funding.

Results

The drive through clinic, operating six hours daily for two days each year, vaccinates an average 6,700 residents. 650 immunizations per hour were given in comparison to the standard Point of Dispensing (POD) of 330 vaccinations per hour. Data review indicates 77% of recipients arrive with completed consent forms.



Arlene Potts received special recognition for all her many years of serving on the APIC Education Committee as well as teaching courses that National APIC provides. Congratulations Arlene!

Bernie Brennan- Hero of Infection Prevention



Bernie Brennan, RN, CIC was APIC's April Hero of Infection Prevention and is an infection Preventionist at Voorhees Pediatric Facility in Voorhees. She over sees the medically fragile, technology dependent pediatric population in a sub-acute long term care facility.

Among her most major achievements is the establishment of a skin integrity program aimed at identifying and addressing cases of skin breakdown. Initiated in 2005, the program has resulted in a decline in skin related infections rates from 14% to 1% through the incorporation of weekly skin integrity rounds, input from a skin care consultant, protocols for treatment, staff education and a skin integrity/wound care management manual.

Bernie said getting people to wash their hands and wear appropriate PPE when necessary-while keeping abreast of all antibiotic resistant organisms- is among the greatest challenges she faces daily.

Bernie credits APIC as having had a major impact on her career, in that it has helped her to network, share new ideas and information with colleagues, and "become a part of a great organization that provides me with the latest information and technologies out there to assist me in my position as an infection Preventionist". and monthly hand washing



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