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Nov 2-6. Second World Congress of Pediatric Infectious

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OSHA's Proposed TB Standard

Michael L. Tapper, MD, chairman of the AIDS/TB Committee, responded to the reopening of the docket for OSHA's proposed TB standard. This has been an area of considerable controversy in the United States and an area of great concern to many SHEA members, especially because recent science and the significant achievements to control the transmission of TB in the workplace did not influence OSHA's proposed TB standard. Referring to SHEA's conclusions of February 1998, Dr. Tapper stated that "... the criterion for determining that existing conditions pose a significant risk to healthcare workers has not been met and that the promulgation of the proposed standard cannot be scientifically justified at this time."

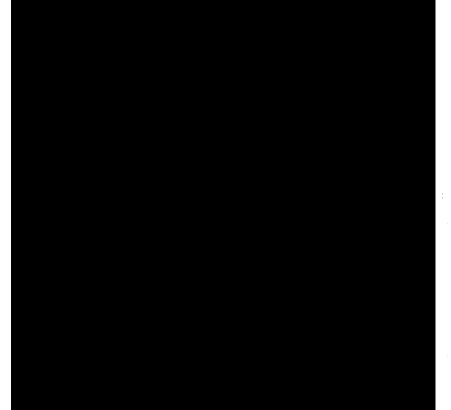
SHEA CDC Guidelines

Just as a reminder, the SHEA CDC guidelines are still available! Twelve guidelines, including the new HIV and HBV postexposure prophylaxis guidelines, can be purchased by calling Etna Communications at 1-800-552-0076. A single volume is only \$99 for SHEA members.

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comial Infections and Healthcare-Associated Infections. Atlanta, GA. Info: http://www.decennial.org. Apr 10-13. Ninth International Congress on Infectious



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For a web site with extensive safety information of interest to operating room managers, risk managers, infection control and occupational health professionals, hospitals and healthcare networks, and industry, visit http://www.safetyinfo.com.

The HIS Working Party on the "Decontamination of Minimally Invasive Surgical Equipment" has issued its draft report for consultation. It can be downloaded from the web site http://www.his.org.uk.

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