



**Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group**

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**DATE:** February 27, 2015

**TO:** State Survey Agency Directors

**FROM:** Director  
Survey and Certification Group

**SUBJECT:** Announcing Infection Control Webinar Series, Webinar 2: March 30, 2015

**Memorandum Summary**

- **Upcoming Webinar:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Division of Nursing Homes is hosting the second in a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control. The second webinar, “Preventing Urinary Tract and Respiratory Tract Infections in the Nursing Home” is scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2015, 2:00-3:30 pm EST.
- This webinar is **mandatory** for all State and regional nursing home surveyors. The topics to be discussed are relevant to their work in the field.

**Purpose**

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The third and final webinar in the series will occur in April, and it will be announced via memorandum. There will also be an encore live presentation of the entire webinar series: part one in June, part two in July and part three in August of this calendar year. All webinars in this series will be archived within 60 to 90 days of the first offering. If you have suggestions for webinar topics or questions related to infection control and prevention that you would like to see in a future webinar, you are encouraged to submit them as soon as possible.

**Webinar Details**

On March 30, 2014, the Division of Nursing Homes is producing a webinar, “Preventing Urinary Tract and Respiratory Tract Infections in the Nursing Home” presented by Jemima Drake and Karen Hoffmann, an infection preventionist and CMS contract consultant for infection control and prevention. This will be the second in a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control. The topics covered in this 90 minute webinar will include:

- Differentiate between asymptomatic bacteriuria and urinary tract infection (UTI); and differentiate bacterial and viral respiratory tract infections (RTIs) in elderly.
- Learn geriatric “pearls” in identifying, preventing and treating UTIs and RTIs.
- Review nursing home regulations associated with infection prevention and control measures.
- Review the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) catheter associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) Safety Program.

### **Logistics**

#### **Webinar Instructions for Learning Management System (LMS) users (Surveyors):**

##### **Prior to the Day of the Webinar**

1. To receive credit for watching the Webinar, register in TotalLMS at <http://cms82.sumtotalsystems.com/sumtotal/>. Use your surveyor ID to log into TotalLMS.
2. Type “Live Webinar” in search box or click on any of the disciplines under 1-Surveyor or 2-Surveyor columns, in “Catalog” section of TotalLMS. Select intended Webinar and follow instructions.
3. After completing the registration process, a “Start” button with the name of the Webinar will appear in your “To Do List” in TotalLMS.

##### **On the Day of the Webinar**

1. Log into TotalLMS, go to your “To Do List” select the “Start” button to launch the webinar. **(If you have not registered for the Webinar prior to the scheduled date and wish to receive credit see instructions in “Prior to the Day of the Webinar.”)**
2. From the Adobe Connect Meeting window you will enter as a guest. **Type your first and last name** in the “Name Box.” *(Do NOT check the button next to “Enter with your login and password” and do NOT enter a login and password on the Adobe Connect screen).*
3. Click on “Enter Room” to access the webinar.
4. To hear the audio dial, 1 (800) 603 –1774; (Meeting Number: 96664684).
5. At the conclusion of the webinar, exit the webinar. The system will return to TotalLMS. Your screen will display “Have you completed this activity?” select ‘Yes’.
6. Proceed to complete the evaluation in TotalLMS (the evaluation link can be found on your “To Do List”.

**Next Steps:** Please send webinar technical questions to the CMS SCG Webinars mailbox: [scgwebinars@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:scgwebinars@cms.hhs.gov). For other questions or suggestions related to the infection control webinar series, contact Jemima Drake at [jemima.drake@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:jemima.drake@cms.hhs.gov).

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