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Committee: Surveillance/Informatics

Title: Public health response to 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1): recognizing the collaboration of CSTE and CDC with the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC).

I. Statement of the Problem:

This position statement reflects on the response to the sudden onset and spread of 2009 pandemic influenza A (H1N1) globally and in the United States. It became apparent very early in the response that clinical data from hospitalized patients with pandemic influenza A (H1N1) infection was a critical component in the national response plan. CSTE collaborated with CDC staff to develop and implement clinical studies to determine risk factors for severe infection, scope of severity, clinical outcome, and the prevention and treatment of pandemic influenza A (H1N1) infection.

Collection of these data were a priority for the nation and time sensitive. This data collection became a substantial burden for hospital Infection Preventionists (IP) who had other important obligations both for ongoing infection and special issues specific to the pandemic. Despite the overwhelming demands of data collection and infection prevention activities, infection preventionists successfully collected these data contributing importantly to the successful response to this pandemic. .

II. Statement of the desired action(s) to be taken:

CDC and CSTE will officially recognize APIC as a public health partner and thank the organization and its individual members for their contributions to the national response to pandemic influenza A (H1N1).

III. Public Health Impact:

Recognition of APIC and their members as public health partners will strengthen the collaboration with CDC, CSTE, and individual State and local public health agencies and help assure cooperation in future public health emergencies.

IV. Coordination:

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