

TO: All licensed physicians in New York State
FROM: NYSDOH Bureau of Healthcare Associated Infections
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Informational Message: CDC Infection Prevention Guide for Outpatient Settings

The purpose of this informational message is to call your attention to important infection prevention and control resources recently released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). On Wednesday, July 13, 2011, the CDC introduced several **new resources to promote infection prevention control in outpatient settings**. The CDC notes that these recommendations represent the minimum expectations for safe care in all outpatient settings.

None of these recommendations are new, but the guide distills existing, evidence-based recommendations from CDC and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee to remind providers of the basic infection prevention and control practices they must follow to protect their patients and themselves. These resources are valuable tools for health care providers and administrators in outpatient settings for assessing and updating infection prevention and control policies and procedures.

The resources are available on the CDC web site at
<http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/settings/outpatient/outpatient-settings.html> .

Please contact the NYSDOH Regional Office with any questions or concerns regarding this advisory and thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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