

# It is beyond the Quality Assurance Report: Getting the bugs out of your infection control programs

## DESCRIPTION

Facilities are required to have infection control programs that demonstrate ongoing surveillance, recognition, investigation and prevention of the onset and spread of infection. A strong infection control program will help protect your residents and staff from unnecessary infection events and outbreaks. With the Ebola outbreak in the news, we are all acutely aware of the importance of a highly functioning infection control program. This session will review the following:

- The interpretive guidelines relating to infection control (F441)
- Ongoing Infection control surveillance processes, a departmental view
- Management of the Urinary Tract Infection Quality Measure
- Immunization management
- Facility isolation practices
- CDC guidelines on infection control in long term care facilities
- The outbreak process: How to prevent the infection from spreading, postings, isolation and reporting
- Linen handling and storage, hand washing, environmental services and dietary services

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Attendees will gain a solid understanding of the infection control guidelines in long term care facilities to ensure they are prepared for ongoing surveillance.
2. Attendees will review best practice principles for how to manage an outbreak should one occur including how to prevent the infection from spreading, postings, isolation, and reporting.
3. Attendees will learn how to manage the Urinary Tract Infection Quality Measure.