



## CORHA Insider

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### CORHA News

#### **CORHA Holds Fall 2018 Meeting in Atlanta**

On Nov. 28-30, CORHA convened in Atlanta for its fall 2018 meeting. During the three-day meeting, participants reviewed the progress of CORHA's activities, discussed the council's strategic map priorities, and amended CORHA's bylaws. Denise Cardo, director of CDC's Division for Healthcare Quality Promotion, provided remarks on the importance of standardized, coordinated efforts for HAI outbreak prevention and response. In addition, workgroups discussed *Clostridioides difficile*, Nontuberculous Mycobacteria, and HAI outbreak reporting, notification, and public disclosure. The council will follow-up on priority items in the coming months.



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### Research

- The New Jersey Department of Health **suggests** testing for patients who may have been exposed to hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV.
  - A new study by NIH researchers **reveals** contaminated water pipes as the source of a *Sphingomonas koreensis* outbreak at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD.
  - A recently published article in the *Journal of Clinical Infectious Diseases* **highlights** a collaborative approach between public health, healthcare, and other stakeholders in the investigation of a multistate outbreak of *Burkholderia cepacia* infections linked to contaminated pre-filled saline flush syringes.
  - A report from CDC **describes** an investigation of multistate infections linked to infusions or injections of umbilical cord blood-derived stem cell products for uses other than hematopoietic or immunologic reconstitution.
  - Jeff Shuren, director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, **issued** a statement on updated safety communication around rates of duodenoscope contamination from preliminary postmarket data.
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## Resources

The following CDC guidance provides recommendations for the prevention and management of influenza outbreaks in healthcare settings. This includes guidance for recognizing and reporting confirmed or suspected influenza outbreaks in long-term care facilities:

- [Prevention Strategies for Seasonal Influenza in Healthcare Settings.](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Influenza Outbreak Management in Long-Term Care Facilities.](#)

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