Your Inspection and Infection Control:

How it all “flows” together...

Virginia Department of Social Services
Division of Licensing Programs
Regulatory Requirement:
- 22 VAC 40-72-90. Infection Control Program
- This regulation describes the basic components that must be included in the written document
- Encompasses all staff, volunteers, and the entire physical plant
- Should be “customized” for each facility
- Updated as research and recommendations change

Inspection Protocol
- Provides the inspector the framework for an inspection
- Is “resident centered”
- Includes minimum requirements
- Is structured but also flexible
- Recently revised but changes were minimal

A Metaphor
- INTERVIEW & OBSERVATION (INCLUDING MED PASS)
- RESIDENT
Inspections Start With...

- Observations
  - Begin before entrance
  - Focus on the resident

- Basic information gathering
  - During entrance conference and tour
  - "What your inspector needs from you today"

Sample Selection

- Minimum requirements based on census
- Tailored to address characteristics of residents in care

- Tasks and sample are integrated

Tasks Include:

- Resident and family/collateral interviews
- Medication pass observation
- Staff record review
- Document review
- Auxiliary Grant recipient review
**Back to Observation**

- Continual
- Med pass observation provides an excellent opportunity for the inspector to observe infection control in action

**Med Pass Observation**

- Infection control practices are an integral component of medication administration
- Should always be noted during the formal observation
- Observations include:
  - Hand hygiene
  - Medication storage
  - Sharps containment
  - Blood glucose monitoring supplies and practices
  - Other medication-specific practice
Residents: Admission and Retention

- Admission assessment: Is the resident appropriate?
- Be careful! More information is better.
- Prohibited conditions
- Don’t be pressured
- You are responsible for admission decision
- Re-assess with changes in condition
- Does your staff have adequate knowledge, skills, and abilities?

Proceed with Caution!

- Does the resident require isolation?
- Carefully, carefully assess before admission
- Reliance on home health services may not be adequate
- If you admit a resident on isolation precautions, you are assuming responsibility for appropriate care
- Staff must be trained before admission
- Training must be thoroughly documented

Additional Considerations:

- General cleanliness, clean equipment
- Pest control
- Kitchen and staff practices
- Housekeeping service
- Laundry and linens
Outbreaks of Disease

- Report immediately to health department
- Ask for assistance
- Strictly follow recommendations
- Recommend reporting to licensing as soon as possible

Tips for Ensuring Compliance

- Monitor your staff!
- Engage your health care oversight professional
- Review your document and update as indicated
- Ensure supplies are accessible and adequate
- Make daily observations