

**aDFW-APIC Government Affairs Committee
June/July 2016**

GAC Committee Meeting APIC 2016 Highlights- see slides posted on APIC DFW website

APIC Public Policy (2016)

<http://apic.org/Advocacy/Government-Affairs-and-Advocacy>

	Please see the links below to view information on:
7/5/2016	ONC report recommends strategies to ensure safe use of health IT systems
	Take action now to ensure compatibility with new CDC websites
	Important updates included in June NHSN Newsletter
	Kidney/urinary tract infections among top ten conditions resulting in discharge to PAC
6/27/2016	CDC alerts U.S. healthcare facilities to watch for C. auris in patients
	ACIP recommends against use of nasal spray flu vaccine
	New Joint Commission antimicrobial stewardship standard
	CDC investigating Burkholderiacepacia infection clusters in PICUs
	CDC announces grants to Prevention Epicenters
	APIC provides recommendations on federal regulations
5/26/2016	FDA adds Olympus to list of scope manufacturers with AER testing validation
	CDC recommends diagnostic testing of urine specimens for suspected Zika
	FDA warns of safety risks associated with ketoconazole oral tablets
	FDA advises restricting use of fluoroquinolone antibacterial drugs

APIC E-News Highlights (2016)

<http://apic.org/Member-Services/Publications/E-News>

7/6/2016	Take 30 seconds to tell the House of Representatives antibiotic resistance matters
6/15/2016	CDC issues health alert on first <i>mcr-1</i> gene in <i>E. coli</i> bacteria
	Tell Congress to support funding for CDC antibiotic resistance programs and NHSN
6/1/2016	Nature Made® products recalled due to possible contamination

Texas HAI/PAE Reporting Resources:

For PAE Designated Contacts, The 2016 PAE Spring Update Webinar is now posted at the top of the Resources page at www.paetexas.org. The notes page view contains the narrative.

Texas Register (2016)

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>

Last review: 7/1/16

25 TAC: Chapters 2, 97, 133, 135, 200

30 TAC: Chapters 330, Subchapter Y

Date	Action	Chapter/Rule	Topic Comment
6/17/2016	Adopted	25TAC § 200.40	Healthcare Safety Advisory Committee (formerly known as HAI/PAE advisory panel). Explains committee membership, tasks, purpose, costs. This rule was adopted without changes.
6/3/2016	Adopted	TAC25 §133.181 - 133.90	Outlines4 levels of neonatal care for hospitals and the designation process. The designation for neonatal level of care is an eligibility requirement for Medicaid reimbursement.

