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PMI Initiative Update

At present, the Project to Monitor Indicators (PMI) initiative is responding to an AHRQ priority area looking at medication errors in hospitals. PMI proposes a trial to "Reduce Antimicrobial Prophylaxis Errors" (TRAPE) in 32 to 50 hospitals. The

proposal was prepared by Steve Solomon, MD, Bryan Simmons, MD, Peter Gross, MD, John Burke, MD, Steve Kritchevsky, PhD, and Barbara Braun, who presently seek SHEA's official support of the project.

Spotted the Site?

The HARMONY website is now live: <http://www.phls.co.uk/International/Harmony/Harmony.htm>.

Have a look at what this European group has been doing in infection control, antimicrobial prescribing, susceptibility testing, and MRSA typing during the past year.

The World Health Organization recently published the following document: Guidelines for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Healthcare Facilities in Resource-Limited Settings. For further information, check the WHO 2000 web site (<http://who.int/gtb/publications/healthcare/index.htm>).

European Training Course

Last chance to plan your trip to Europe this summer and to see more than the mountains and lakes of Switzerland or your Swiss bank account: the European SHEA/CDC/ESGNI training course in

Hospital Epidemiology will be held August 25-29, 2000, at the Cartigny Meeting Center, Geneva, Switzerland.

For further information, please contact: eurohospepi@hcuge.ch.

Calendar

Jul 16-19. Second International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases. Atlanta, GA. Info: <http://www.asmtusa.org/mtgsrc/iceid99main.htm>.

Aug 2. 20th Anniversary

Meeting on Bacterial Epidemiological Markers. Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands. Info: congres.care@wxs.nl.

Sep 16. Global Resistance Day. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Info:

Annual Educational Conference of the American Practitioners in Infection Control. Richmond, VA. Info: Shirley Davis, 804-828-2121.

Oct 12-13. Sixth Annual Infectious