



PEF Health & Safety Department

Memo

To: PEF Infection Control Faculty
From: Shawn Bobb, PEF Infection Control Program Coordinator
Date: November 26, 2008
Re: Updated PowerPoint presentations for Element III and Element V of the Infection Control Certification curriculum

Updated PowerPoint presentations for Elements III and Element V are now available for download at the PEF website. To access the files, go to www.pef.org and click onto "Health and Safety" in the left column. These new elements are a required component of the PEF Infection Control Certification Program.

You were previously notified that on August 5, 2008, Governor Paterson signed the Patient Safety Bill into Law. This law revised the Infection Control Training, including requirements to update the New York State Infection Control Training Syllabus.

The update required revisions to Element III "*Use of Engineering and Work Practice Controls to Reduce the Opportunity for Patient and Healthcare Worker Exposure to Potentially Infectious Materials in All Healthcare Settings*" and Element V "*Creation and Maintenance of a Safe Environment for Patient Care in All Healthcare Settings through Application of Infection Control Principles and Practices for Cleaning, Disinfection, and Sterilization*".

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Health and Safety Department at 518-785-1900 ext. 254 to request a CD.

Please remember, not all of the information from the updated Elements III and V are on the PowerPoint slides. Therefore it is important that you review the documents that were previously mailed and also available for download on the PEF website.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-227-3132 ext. 511 or via e-mail at sbobb@pef.org