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Examples from the Field

Long-Term Care (LTC) Infection Prevention Boot Camp

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Objective

Review real examples of infection prevention breaches in LTC assessments.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens

- Covered water cup on top of the housekeeping cart. Housekeeper gets thirsty while working.
- Specimen collection basket sitting on MDS coordinator's desk next to her lunch.

Separation of Clean and Dirty

- Individually packaged indwelling urinary catheters stored in basement storeroom under water pipes and dusty grates.
- Packages noted to be stained and crinkled.

Patient Care Equipment Reprocessing

Podiatrist has LTC nursing assistant wipe nail clippers with low-level disinfectant wipe after each use and then uses them on the next patient.

Patient Care Equipment Reprocessing

Nebulizer in clean storage closet has visible contamination.

Patient Care Equipment Reprocessing

Every morning, all residents' urinals and bedpans are collected and washed together in the janitor's sink. They are dried on shoe racks with a blowing fan.

Patient Care Equipment Reprocessing

- Staff members are competency trained and tested to clean glucometers after use.
- State inspector notices CNA going from resident to resident doing blood glucose testing.
- Glucometer was cleaned properly at the end of the day.