Problem Pathogens: Clostridium difficile & Norovirus

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Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2013
Time: 12 - 1 p.m.
Place: St. Luke’s Rehabilitation Institute
711 S. Cowley, Room 200
Spokane, WA

Presentation:
C. difficile and norovirus cause enteric infections. The number of deaths in Washington State noted with C. difficile as an underlying cause has steadily increased from 1999-2008. This presentation will cover the epidemiology of these pathogens and summarize the latest prevention and control guidelines.

Presentation Objectives:
1. Review the key features of C. difficile and norovirus infections.
2. Understand laboratory testing methods for these pathogens.

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Fall Prevention - Tips and Tools
September 25, 2013
Noon - 1 p.m.

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