Announcements

NIOSH Course for Nurses on Workplace Violence

A free online course has been created to train nurses on recognizing and preventing workplace violence. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) worked with health-care stakeholders, including nursing and labor organizations, academic groups, and other government agencies, to develop the course. The multimedia training incorporates lesson text, videos depicting workplace violence incidents, personal experiences of nurses with violence on the job, and lesson quizzes. Nurses can receive continuing education credits for completing the online course.

The course is separated into 13 units, each expected to take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Participants can restart the course where they last left off, allowing them to manage their time for taking the course. The course is available on the NIOSH website at http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/violence/training_nurses.html.

New Laboratory Informatics Self-Assessment Tool

CDC and the Association of Public Health Laboratories have recently released a laboratory informatics self-assessment tool to help state and local public health laboratories assess their own informatics capabilities and gaps across a broad range of topics. The self-assessment tool is the first resource aimed at measuring informatics capabilities in public health laboratories in a systematic and comprehensive manner. However, the tool is not limited to use by informatics experts or by public health laboratories. Most of the identified capabilities and guidance are universal in nature and, consequently, can provide valuable assessment and direction to clinical laboratories. The tool is currently available to the public as a downloadable PDF file at http://www.aphl.org/aphlprograms/lss/laboratory-efficiencies-initiative/pages/informatics.aspx.

Erratum

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In the Notice to Readers, "Final 2012 Reports of Nationally Notifiable Infectious Diseases," on page 669, the first sentence should read as follows: "The tables listed in this report on pages **670–682** summarize finalized data, as of June 30, 2013, from the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) for 2012.