

## Program Summary

This page provides an overview of the program content and learning objectives. Please refer to the Table of Contents and Program Outline for a detailed list of the topics covered. The information included in this Resource Guide is intended to support but not duplicate the video presentation content. There may be additional information available online for this topic.

### *Program Description*

In the United States, millions of surgical procedures are performed each year. Each of these procedures involves contact by at least one medical device or surgical instrument with a patient. A major risk of all such procedures is the introduction of pathogens that can lead to infection, and failure to properly disinfect or sterilize equipment carries not only risk associated with breach of host barriers, but also risk for person-to-person transmission.

Disinfection and sterilization are essential for ensuring that medical and surgical instruments do not transmit infectious pathogens to patients. Because sterilization of all patient-care items is not a necessity, healthcare policies must identify, primarily on the basis of the items' intended use, whether cleaning, disinfection, or sterilization should be done.

The delivery of sterile products for use in patient care depends not only on the effectiveness of the sterilization process, but also on the unit design, decontamination, disassembling and packaging of the device, loading the sterilizer, monitoring, and other aspects of device reprocessing.

During this 60-minute live activity, expert faculty examine the impact of sterilization and high-level disinfection (HLD) processes in detail, and how these policies and procedures will help organizations ensure that by implementing these strategies, they can reduce or prevent the spread of infections.

### *Program Objectives*

After completing this activity, the participant should be able to:

1. Identify The Joint Commission standards related to high-level disinfection (HLD) and sterilization.
2. Describe The Joint Commission requirements to reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infections.
3. Identify methods to reduce or prevent the transmission of infection.

### *Target Audience*

This activity is relevant to those responsible for the prevention and control of infections, including managers and supervisors, along with training, infection control, patient safety, and quality improvement professionals.

## Program Outline

Preventing Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs): High-Level Disinfection (HLD) and Sterilization

May 25, 2017

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  - A. Audio only telephone seminar with program faculty – for 30 minutes following the program.
  - B. Call 1-888-206-0090; enter conference code: 7925428.  
Or e-mail your questions or comments to: [Questions@jcrqsn.com](mailto:Questions@jcrqsn.com)

Program Broadcast Time	<b>Eastern:</b> 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. <b>Central:</b> 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. <b>Mountain:</b> 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. <b>Pacific:</b> 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
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### *Program Question and Answer Session*

During the live airing of this program on May 25, 2017, you may be able to talk directly with the faculty when prompted by the program's host. After this date, your message will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Immediately following the program, we invite you to join in a live discussion with the program presenters. Call 1-888-206-0090 and enter Conference Code: 7925428 to be included in the teleconference.

To submit your question ahead of time or for additional details, please send an e-mail to [questions@jcrqsn.com](mailto:questions@jcrqsn.com). If you submit your questions after this date, your message will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

You can also receive answers to your questions by calling The Joint Commission's Standards Interpretation Hotline at 630-792-5900, option 6.

## Continuing Education (CE) Credit

After viewing the JCR Quality & Safety Network presentation and reading this Resource Guide, please complete the required online CE/CME credit activities (test and evaluation form). The test measures knowledge gained and/or provides a means of self-assessment on a specific topic. The evaluation form provides us with valuable information regarding your thoughts on the activity's quality and effectiveness.

### *Prior to the Program Presentation Day*

1. Login to the JCRQSN Learning Management System web site at <http://jcrqsn.twnlms.com/>
  - Select the course for this program, *Be Prepared: Maximizing Behavioral Healthcare-Related Tracer Activities*
  - When prompted, choose *Access Content* to confirm that you would like to access this program.
2. Display and print the desired documents (Resource Guide, etc.).

### *Online Process for CE/CME Credit*

1. Read the course materials and view the entire video presentation.
2. Login to the JCRQSN Learning Management System web site at <http://jcrqsn.twnlms.com/>
3. Select *Be Prepared: Maximizing Behavioral Healthcare-Related Tracer Activities* from the courses menu block.  
**Note:** This assumes you have already been enrolled in the program, as described above.
4. If you did not view the broadcast video presentation, view it online.
5. Complete the online post test (see Appendix E).
  - You have up to three attempts to successfully complete the test with a minimum passing score of 80%.
  - Physicians must take the post test to obtain credit.
6. Complete the program evaluation form.
7. On the top-left corner of the main course page, you will see your completion status in the *Status* block.
8. Select *Get Certificate* from within the *Status* block to print your completion certificate.  
**Note:** Certificates for other completed courses can be printed from the “My History” tab, as well.