

## CDC: New Draft Guideline For Prevention Of Healthcare-Associated Pneumonia, 2003, Issued 9/3/02.

The CDC's new draft guideline is *not* mandatory at this time.

In general, any Federal agency that wishes to promulgate any new regulations must first publish the new regulations in draft form in the Federal Register to invite public comments and consider any public comments that are submitted, before issuing the new regulations in final, mandatory form.

The new draft guideline applies to prevention and control of bacterial pneumonia, ventilator-associated pneumonia, Legionnaire's disease, pertussis, invasive pulmonary aspergillosis, viral pneumonia, RSV, parainfluenza, adenovirus and influenza.

The new draft guideline is on our website at <http://www.nursinglaw.com/pneumonia.pdf>. It is not copyrighted and readers may use our or the CDC's website to download, print and redistribute it.

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***The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a new Draft Guideline for Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Pneumonia.***

***Public comments on the draft guideline will be accepted until October 18, 2002.***

***When finalized, the new guideline will replace the Guideline for Prevention of Nosocomial Pneumonia published by the CDC in 1994.***

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The draft guideline can be accessed, downloaded and printed from the CDC's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/pnguide.htm>.

The CDC's 9/3/02 Federal Register announcement is on our website at <http://www.nursinglaw.com/cdc090302.pdf>.

Print copies of the new draft guideline can be obtained from the CDC by writing:  
Resource Center, Attention: PNGuide  
Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion

CDC, Mailstop E-68

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## OSHA: Ergonomics For Prevention Of Musculoskeletal Disorders: Draft Guidelines For Nursing Homes.

The new guideline from OSHA is *not* mandatory at this time.

In general, any Federal agency that wishes to promulgate any new regulations must first publish the new regulations in draft form in the Federal Register to invite public comments and consider any public comments that are submitted, before issuing the new regulations in final, mandatory form. The comment period expired on September 30, 2002.

Ergonomics is the practice of designing equipment and work tasks to conform to the capabilities of the worker.

OSHA says that manual lifting of nursing home residents should be minimized in all cases and eliminated when possible, taking into account residents' rehabilitation needs, emergency situations and residents' dignity and rights.

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***The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the US Department of Labor has issued a draft guideline for nursing homes on Ergonomics for the Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders.***

***The focus is on workers in nursing homes who are exposed to muscle strains and tears, ligament sprains, pinched nerves, herniated discs and other injuries.***

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OSHA says it is addressing the problems of cost control and staff turnover in nursing homes.

The new draft guideline (1.2 MB) is on our website at <http://www.nursinglaw.com/ergonomics.pdf> and on the OSHA website at <http://www.osha.gov/ergonomics/guidelines/nursinghome/nursinghomeguideline.pdf>.

OSHA's 8/30/02 Federal Register announcement is at <http://www.nursinglaw.com/083003.pdf>.

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