### Clinical Application Activity: Infection Prevention

* Review “Sidebar 1. NPSG.07.03.01” located in the article titled “Educating Staff About MRDOs” (The Joint Commission, 2011; see Assigned Readings).

Review your hospital’s policies and procedures about the management of HAIs. Does the infection prevention program meet the requirement for NPSG.07.03.01?

### [Knowledge Assignment: Infection Control](https://learn.westcoastuniversity.edu/webapps/assignment/uploadAssignment?content_id=_5139281_1&course_id=_63602_1&group_id=&mode=view)

A patient is ready for discharge when she spikes a fever of 101.3°F. A call to the physician results in an order for IV antibiotics to be administered every 12 hours for 48 hours. The patient’s family arrives to take her home, and they discover that she now has an IV and will not be discharged for 2 days. They ask, “What happened? Did our mother catch something in the hospital? We thought this is a place of healing.” How will you respond? Your response may have legal implications.

In one well-developed paragraphs (12-point font):

* Describe one strategy you will incorporate in your practice to ensure that you are providing evidence-based care in the prevention of HAIs.
* Cite your references in proper APA Style.
* Review the rubric for more information on how your assignment will be graded.
* Submit as an attachment in the assignment area.

**References**

Explore web content related to this week's topics by visiting the websites below.

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