

Press Release



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Lexington Insurance Company Hospital Outbreak Study Published

NEW YORK– February 1, 2012 – Lexington Insurance Company, a Chartis company, today announced that its recent study, titled “Frequency of Outbreak Investigations in U.S. Hospitals: Results of a National Survey of Infection Preventionists,” has been published in the *American Journal of Infection Control*.

In collaboration with Chartis Global Loss Prevention and the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), Lexington conducted a survey of U.S. APIC members to determine the frequency of outbreak investigations as well as their causes and duration. The study also examined other aspects of outbreak investigations, including unit closures. The study appears in the February 2012 issue of the *American Journal of Infection Control*.

“This study demonstrates Lexington’s investment in research to better understand the exposures healthcare organizations face today,” said Bradley Cox, Executive Vice President and Healthcare and Casualty Division Executive of Lexington. “At this time, no other organization has published a study of this caliber. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of those involved in aiding Lexington’s dedication to improving patient safety.”

Authors of the study paper include:

- Emily Rhinehart RN MPH CIC, Vice President, Global Loss Prevention, Chartis;
- Scott Walker, Director of Data Analysis and Research, Global Loss Prevention, Chartis;
- Denise Murphy RN MPH CIC, Vice President for Quality and Patient Safety, Main Line Health System;
- Karen O’Reilly, Senior Project Director, Americas Region, Chartis (previously Chief Innovation Officer for Lexington); and
- Patty Leeman, Executive Director, APIC Consulting Services Inc.

An abstract of the study paper is currently available through the *American Journal of Infection Control* (www.ajicjournal.org). For additional information regarding this study, please contact Emily Rhinehart at 770-671-2195 or emily.rhinehart@chartisinsurance.com; or visit www.lexingtoninsurance.com.

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