

PREVCOVID-BR NEWSLETTER!

THE POTENTIAL LOCAL AND NATIONAL IMPACT OF PREVCOVID-BR

The administrative coordination of PREVCOVID-BR interviewed three of the specialists who are part of the coordination of São Paulo and Brasília. They informed us how PREVCOVID-BR could contribute to COVID-19 prevention efforts in health services in São Paulo and Brazil

According to **Prof. Dr. Milton S. Lapchik**, Coordinator of the Municipal Center for Hospital Infection Control of the City of São Paulo (NMCIH/DVE/COVISA/SMS-SP), the project "... will technically support the Hospital Infection Control Commission, the occupational health service, the multiprofessional health team and the senior management of the participating hospitals, with the updating of procedures for the prevention of transmission of COVID-19 in hospital care". Finally, Dr. Lapchik highlighted the innovative action of the project, which has involved national organizations of different levels, besides international technical support.



For **Dr. Denise Brandão de Assis**, Technical Director of the Hospital Infection Division (CVE/CCD/SES - SP), *"With the project, hospitals will have the opportunity to implement or strengthen actions already recommended for the prevention of dissemination of COVID-19. In addition, the project has been contributing to the expansion of*

knowledge with the exchange of experiences among professionals during webinars".

Magda Machado de Miranda Costa, Manager of Surveillance and Monitoring in Health Services (GVIMS/GGTES/Anvisa), hopes *"that the teams involved in the PREVCOVID-BR Project can develop new strategies to stimulate the adherence of health service professionals and managers to COVID-19's prevention and control actions, avoiding the dissemination of these infections among patients and professionals, preventing a series of other infections and saving lives."*

PREVCOVID-BR WEBINAR DIALOGUES OF PRACTICE

The Practice Dialogue Series has proven to be an opportunity to exchange experiences and clarify doubts.

The "Dialogues of Practice" session on October 21 addressed the theme "Managing health professionals exposed and infected by COVID-19". For the explanation on the theme, we had the participation of **Quezia de Souza Monteiro**, infectologist physician at Delphina Rinaldi Abdel Aziz Hospital and Samel Hospital network, located in the city of Manaus. Dr. Quezia presented about the techniques for monitoring health professionals applied in the institutions where she works, sharing her practical experience and challenges overcome.

We also obtained the participation of **Amber Vasquez**, an infectious disease physician in the International Infection Control Program at the CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. Dr. Vasquez explained operational considerations for health professionals exposed to or with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 in the context of practice in non-US healthcare settings.



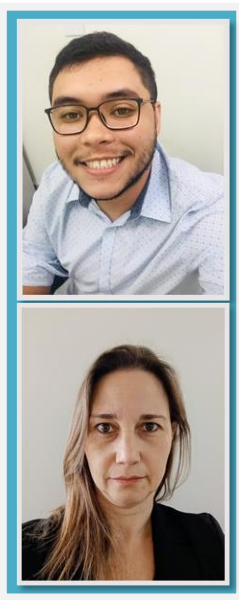
As an innovation in the "Dialogues of Practice", this was the first

webinar of PREVCOVID-BR in which two case studies were presented by members of the participating hospitals. Initially, **Evandro Pinheiro**, a nurse at the Hospital e Pronto Socorro da Criança da Zona Sul of Manaus, brought to the debate the questioning about the ideal management of asymptomatic professionals who present positive results of serology (IgM). Next, **Karina Peron**, a nurse at the Instituto da Criança do Hospital das Clínicas of São Paulo, presented a study on cases of COVID-19 among hospital administrative area workers and the practical approach to the problem. The presentations of the case studies provided the opportunity to discuss the scenarios experienced in hospital practices.

As a member of the panel of debaters, we counted on the participation of **Karla Baeta**, public servant of the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa), who brought important information on regulatory aspects related to worker health.

We hope to count on new collaborations in case studies!

To increase adherence to the webinars promoted by the PREVCOVID-BR project and stimulate the participation of the institution's professionals, fellows **Luciana Ursini Nunes** and **Edna Cristina Goulart** count on the support of the Hospital Infection Control



Service (SCIH) and the Continuing Education of the Hospital Geral de Vila Nova

Cachoeirinha. These services have promoted the internal dissemination of scheduled events, as well as the release of space and equipment that facilitate access to webinars. During one of the sessions of the Dialogues of Practice, the fellows took a photo to record this moment of learning and professional support that PREVCOVID-BR has provided.



IMPACTS OF PREVCOVID-BR FELLOW'S REPORTS

We have started a new section of the PREVCOVID-BR Newsletter! This space will be reserved for the reports of the fellows or professionals from the participating hospitals on the impacts that the project has already provided to the participating hospitals, and we hope for future contributions. In this edition we present the report of **Luciana Ursini Nunes** and **Edna Cristina Goulart**, who work at the Hospital Geral de Vila Nova Cachoeirinha. During the evaluation stage, opportunities for improvement in the hygiene and cleaning service were identified regarding the use and conservation of the N95 mask. Through an integrated action with SCIH and the Institution's Board of Directors, it was possible to adjust the work process with the outsourced company providing the service, in order to achieve compliance. With this, the adequacy of the Individual Protection Equipment (IPE) supply (responsibility of the hired company) was obtained and a new training for use, handling and conservation of IPEs is being prepared.

WEBINARS

The presentations from previous sessions can be accessed by clicking on this link:
<https://mailchi.mp/salud.unm.edu/recursos-da-sesso-session-1-and-1559202>

TO KNOW MORE

EaD Anvisa Good Practices Project. Available from:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRQhe_kr65SK_oEFRwzZ0VKqAxfD5Tpc2Q

**NEXT WEBINAR OF THE SERIES DIALOGUES OF PRACTICE ON 10/21/2020:
"MANAGING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS EXPOSED AND INFECTED BY COVID-19"**

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