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APIC ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF ONLINE EDUCATION CENTER FOR INSTANT ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE INFECTION PREVENTION EDUCATION

Strategic Partner BD Is First to Support APIC Anywhere

Washington, August 05, 2009 – [APIC Anywhere](#), an online education center recently launched by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology ([APIC](#)), features interactive, online content developed by clinical experts to educate healthcare personnel on preventing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs). Participants may obtain continuing education credit for completed coursework, tailor content to match their learning objectives and receive real-time feedback to assess their performance.

[BD](#) (Becton, Dickinson and Company), a leading global medical technology company, has stepped forth to be the first industry sponsor of *APIC Anywhere*, pledging top-tier support through 2012. BD is committed to applying its expertise, resources and technologies toward the prevention of HAIs worldwide.

“We are pleased to have BD’s support to launch this comprehensive, state-of-the-art learning platform,” said APIC CEO Kathy Warye. “While resources are declining, the need for education has never been greater. BD’s educational grant for *APIC Anywhere* will enable us to deliver more content to more infection preventionists in a more cost-effective way.”

[APIC Anywhere](#) features, to date:

- APIC’s HAI Elimination Library via [Healthstream](#), which compiles APIC’s evidence-based elimination guides into an interactive, online format
- [Webinar](#) series
- [Conference](#) education library
- Certification in Infection Control (CIC) [review course](#)

“HAIs pose a significant challenge for healthcare institutions worldwide,” said Andrew Guhl, vice president, Healthcare-Associated Infections at BD. “*APIC Anywhere* will enable healthcare professionals to stay abreast of the latest science, implement more effective infection prevention programs, reduce transmission of multi-drug resistant organisms and help prevent HAIs – results that benefit us all.”

APIC’s mission is to improve health and patient safety by reducing risks of infection and other adverse outcomes. The association’s more than 12,000 members direct infection prevention programs that save lives and improve the bottom line for hospitals and other healthcare facilities around the globe. To promote a culture within healthcare where targeting zero healthcare-associated infections is fully embraced, APIC has created the “Targeting Zero” initiative to accelerate both learning and delivery of practical tools for infection preventionists. APIC advances its mission through education, research, collaboration, practice guidance, public policy and credentialing. Visit APIC online at www.apic.org.

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