ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Request:

ASPR TRACIE received a request for Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) for home infusion pharmacies.

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team conducted a search online for EOPs and other resources related to home infusion pharmacies. We also reached out to our Subject Matter Expert (SME) cadre members to gather feedback or relevant materials. All resources gathered are provided in this document.

Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coronavirus Disease 2019 webpage for the most up-to-date clinical guidance on COVID-19 outbreak management.

I.   Home Infusion Therapy Resources

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). (2014). ASHP Guidelines on Home Infusion Pharmacy Services. American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy. 71:325–41

> This guidance document identifies the role of pharmacists who provide home infusion care to patients. It also outlines the requirements for the operation and management of services provided by pharmacies in the patient's home or alternative-site setting. **NOTE**: If the link in the citation does not open properly, copy and paste the following URL in your browser: https://www.ashp.org/-/media/assets/policy-guidelines/docs/guidelines/home-infusion-pharmacy-services.ashx.

Infusion Nurses Society. (n.d.). Policies and Procedures for Infusion Therapy: Home Infusion. (Accessed 8/27/2020. **NOTE**: Document available for purchase.)

> The Infusion Nurses Society is an international nonprofit organization representing infusion nurses and other clinicians who are engaged in the specialty practice of infusion therapy. This document was developed to provide healthcare providers with guidance on home infusion therapy policies and procedures.

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Infusion Solutions. (n.d.). [Emergency Preparedness Plan](#). (Accessed 8/27/2020).

> This resource identifies procedures that healthcare providers should follow during an emergency/ natural disaster to ensure patients continue to receive infusion services.

UAB Pharmacy Services. (2020). [Provision of Care Plan](#).

> This plan, while not explicitly an EOP, contains guidance for what patients receiving home infusion therapy should do in various emergency scenarios.

II.   Additional Relevant Materials

Healthcare Ready, American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores. (2020). [FAQs: COVID-19 for Pharmacists and Patients](#).

> This Frequently Asked Questions document was created to provide COVID-19 pandemic guidance and resources to pharmacies/ pharmacists and their patients on prescription medications.

Healthcare Ready. (2019). [Strengthening the Capabilities of Pharmacists and Pharmacies.](#)

> This web page includes information about the various projects that Healthcare Ready has undertaken and are aimed at educating partners on their capabilities, equipping pharmacy stakeholders with resources, and ensuring patients have uninterrupted access to pharmacies during emergencies.

National Home Infusion Association. (2020). [Find a Provider](#).

> The National Home Infusion Association provides various resources, including this list of home infusion providers, many of which are pharmacies and may have individual EOPs. **NOTE**: While this website does not have a specific section for emergency preparedness, it may be a good resource for additional information.

National Infusion Center Association. (2020). [COVID-19 Updates and Recommendations](#).

> This document provides guidance related to COVID-19 and infusion centers. **NOTE**: Although this resource is not specific to home infusion therapy, it may provide useful information.

Providence Infusion and Pharmacy Services. (n.d.). [Patient and Caregiver Guide to Infusion Services](#). (Accessed 8/27/2020.)

> This guidance document was created for patients and caregivers and provides information on care services, infusion preparation and safety, tips for what to do during disasters, and more.