

# event changes 2003

The members of the National Competitive Events program are dedicated to maintaining up-to-date and student-friendly competitive event guidelines. Suggestions for improvement from HOSA members are carefully considered and the guidelines are modified as needed.

The HOSA Handbook: Section B contains the competitive event guidelines. Guidelines are posted on HOSA's website at [www.hosa.org](http://www.hosa.org) and distributed to chapter advisors each August on a CD included with the affiliation packet.

HOSA members are encouraged to use a current copy of the event guidelines when preparing for a HOSA competitive event. The most current copy is always available on HOSA's website.

Here is a sampling of some of the event changes for 2003-04.

## Clinical Specialty

This event will remain as a pilot event in Category II. An article that explains the event can be found in this issue of the HOSA Magazine.

## Extemporaneous Health Poster

Competitors can listen to music while creating their posters! Each competitor can use headsets to listen to music while they work as long as the volume is set low enough so that it cannot be heard by others, and only one CD allowed. (No changing CDs during the event.)

## Biomedical Debate

Changes include a clarification of the prepared materials that teams are allowed to bring to the preliminary and debate rounds, and information about a recommended process when there are fewer than 10 teams in the event.

## Career Health Display

Guidelines were revised to clarify the artwork allowed on the display.

## Creative Problem Solving

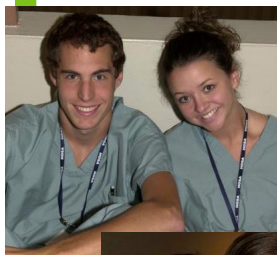
Resource changes. *Mindmapping* was deleted and *Megacreativity: Five Steps to Thinking Like a Genius* was added.

## Hand Hygiene

Most Category II skill events have been aligned with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations regarding hand hygiene. For most skills, the use of an alcohol-based rub will replace traditional handwashing. For more background information, visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

## New Simmers Text

A new textbook – *Introduction to Health Science Technology* – includes units which are identical to an approved HOSA resource, *Diversified Health Occupations*. When the units in the new textbook provide the resource needed for the event, both textbooks will be listed and competitors can use either book.



The following events were updated to match event resources. Many of the skills were updated, test plans were changed, and other updates were made. Competitors and advisors should read these guidelines VERY carefully.

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| Administrative Medical Assisting | Personal Care        |
| Dental Assisting                 | Practical Nursing    |
| EMT                              | CPR/First Aid        |
| Medical Laboratory Assisting     | Veterinary Assisting |
| Nursing Assisting                |                      |