



States Targeting Reduction in Infections via Engagement



Program Purpose

The Health Research & Educational Trust of the American Hospital Association, with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is **bringing together multiple organizations at the state level to improve coordination** of infection prevention efforts and **foster strong working relationships**. This project is designed to **enhance collaboration and alignment** among:

- State hospital associations
- State health departments
- CMS Quality Innovation Network/Quality Improvement Organizations

Partners will collaborate to **improve general infection prevention and control practices** in health care facilities and to work on practices to reduce healthcare associated infections such as *Clostridium difficile* infections (**CDI**), central line-associated bloodstream infections (**CLABSI**), catheter-associated urinary tract infections (**CAUTI**) and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (**MRSA**) bacteremia.

Benefits to Participating Hospitals

- **Reductions in HAI** morbidity and mortality
- **Free, on-demand education** on infection prevention
- Assistance in using and interpreting **Targeted Assessment for Prevention (TAP)** strategy reports
- Support in using CDC's **Infection Control Assessment Tools** to assess and guide quality improvement activities
- Access to **focused improvement resources**
- Assistance in **accelerating** infection prevention strategies
- Networking and learning with **peer hospitals**
- Access to **expert national faculty**
- Ability to **benchmark** against other hospitals

Key Dates

- Hospital registration deadline: October 14, 2016
- Program start: November 1, 2016

National Partners

As the contracting agency, the CDC provides infection prevention and control expertise as well as overall project oversight. National partners working with CDC and HRET are: American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), University of Michigan, Michigan Health & Hospital Association Keystone Center, HealthInsight QIN-QIO, and Society of Hospital Medicine.

Program Specifics

- 12-month program for short-stay and long-term acute care hospitals
- Education:
 - Three webinars to orient teams to the program
 - On-demand videos that facilities can access as needed; topics include: foundations of infection prevention and control and HAI-specific education
 - In-person meeting in the state
- Technical assistance:
 - Ongoing support from your state lead
 - Monthly coaching calls
 - HAI-specific office hours with expert faculty

How Progress Will Be Measured

Progress will be assessed from the NHSN data that hospitals are already submitting. Hospitals will be asked to confer NHSN rights to project-specific measures when they register online. If a hospital is already part of an NHSN group, either through their SHA or QIN-QIO, then HRET will work with staff to obtain project-specific measures. The project will monitor:

- Overall improvements in infection prevention and control practices (i.e., hospitals will complete an assessment of current infection prevention and control practices at the start and the end of their participation in this program)
- CDI, MRSA bacteremia, CLABSI and CAUTI rates and SIRs
- Indwelling urinary catheter and central venous catheter utilization

Visit sharepoint.hret.org/CDC_HAI/registration for details.

Please direct questions to the project lead at your state hospital association, or contact HRET at ipsafety@aha.org.

