

TAP

Partner Testimonials

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Successes

- ▶ "We utilized the CDC's NHSN TAP reports to identify hospital outliers in CLABSI rates and SIRs. Of the hospitals identified, 15 "finished" the TAP Strategy, which we defined as completing the process of the TAP Facility Assessment and executing their hospital-specific PDSA cycles. We evaluated these hospitals' outcomes and found that more than half of the hospitals maintained zero events or showed improvement in the most recent comparison period. Hospitals thought the TAP Strategy was helpful in identifying root cause issues in their performance."
- Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), NY
- ▶ "Our facility was able to collect 50 CLABSI TAP Facility Assessments and 28 CAUTI TAP Facility Assessments by engaging unit staff."
- Facility A
- ▶ "We used to get 30 *C. diff* infections per year in a small community hospital. Now after we implemented this all, we've had 2 cases since then. Everyone is blown away."
- Facility B

Benefits

- ▶ "At the contractor level, our CLABSI rates have improved significantly. This is reflected in the individual hospitals who are investing the time and energy to improve their patients' safety. We were thankful for the CDC's support."
- Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), NY
- ▶ "The TAP Facility Assessment identified the need for physician champions in our facility. We have appointed a CLABSI physician champion and a CAUTI physician champion."
- Facility A
- ▶ "It's always good to say we have CDC as our backup. It was really great to report to counsel and the quality board to say that our activities align with CDC recommendations, tools, and knowledge. Using the TAP Strategy is really eye opening for many people; when you explain what it is and how many infections we could have prevented, that is eye opening and makes people more alert and aware. The TAP Facility Assessment was so great and in-depth, specific, and detailed."
- Facility C

Lessons Learned

- ▶ "In order for change to happen, we cannot simply identify the problem. We must continually strive for improvement with a goal of making our processes highly reliable."
- Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), NY
- ▶ "The TAP Strategy is a useful framework for identifying gaps in practices and policies and prioritizing prevention efforts in units with a higher burden of HAIs."
- Facility A
- ▶ "Having an IP dedicated to this effort helped a lot. And leadership support that allowed me to dedicate time to it was very helpful. Having top-down leadership support of this initiative completely made this possible. The approach our team took to teach and be a less authoritarian organization made it more effective and allows for more creativity."
- Facility C

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