



# Toward Elimination

Newsletter for State Partners in HAI Prevention

May 2010

## State HAI Summary Report

As many of you know, DHQP is preparing a State HAI Summary Report that presents state-specific standardized infection ratios (SIRs) for central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs). Each state has received hard copies of its individual result, with other states' data obscured. Although CDC calculated rates for each state, only those states with mandates for reporting CLABSIs to NHSN will be included in this iteration of the public report.

The SIR is a summary metric that can be used to track HAIs at the national, state, and local levels over time. This report provides states with baseline measures that can help identify priorities and guide prevention plans and activities. The report also serves as a starting point to evaluate progress and impact related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) of 2009.

DHQP intends to publish the report in May in the MMWR. However, the DHQP PHAs will continue to communicate with state HAI coordinators about the date and communications related to this report.

## Policy Corner

### Health Reform

Healthcare reform legislation was recently signed in to law by President Obama. The legislation does include language regarding HAIs and CMS payment policies. CDC is working closely with CMS and other partners to develop implementation plans for the legislation's components related to HAIs.



Be sure to join CDC's new *Safe Healthcare* blog  
<http://blogs.cdc.gov/SafeHealthcare>

## Free HAI Continuing Education

In conjunction with Medscape, APIC, IDSA and SHEA, [Roadmap for HAI Prevention Research: Bench to Bedside and Back](#) is a 50-minute roundtable discussion (CME/CE) with four infection prevention experts aimed at improving clinical decision making among clinicians caring for patients in acute care and extended care settings by highlighting HAI prevention measures with a solid evidence base.

The 50-minute activity is relevant for hospitalists, intensivists, emergency department physicians, surgeons, infectious disease specialists, epidemiologists, preventionists, nurses, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants.

Link: <http://cme.medscape.com/viewarticle/719553>

## Coming Up...

Prevention Collaboratives in Long-Term Care Facilities- State Discussion May 3, 2010 1PM- 2PM ET

State Users of NHSN Call May 5, 2010, 2PM- 3PM ET

SSI Infection Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees May 10, 2010, 1PM- 2PM ET

MRSA Infection Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees May 17, 2010, 1PM-2PM ET

CLABSI Infection Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees May 24, 2010, 1PM- 2PM ET

C. diff Infection Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees May 25, 2010, 1PM- 2PM ET

CAUTI Infection Specific Call for ELC/EIP Grantees May 27, 2010, 1PM- 2PM ET

**Your PHAs will send the bridge-line, password, and Webinar URL information for these calls.**

## May 5th: World Hand Hygiene Day

May 5, 2010, is the World Health Organization's (WHO) annual World Hand Hygiene Day. Visit <http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/>

Also check CDC's World Hand Hygiene Day Web site for tools and resources for improving hand hygiene in healthcare facilities. [www.cdc.gov/handhygiene](http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene)