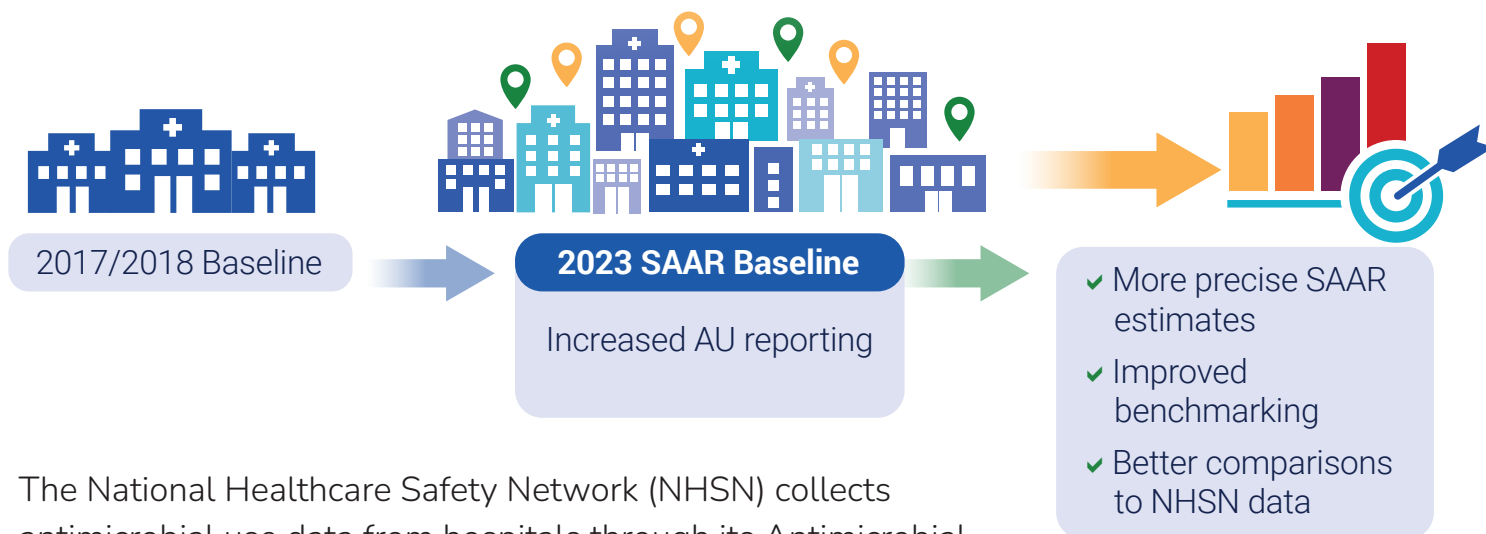


What is the 2023 AU SAAR Rebaseline and Why is it Important?



The National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) collects antimicrobial use data from hospitals through its Antimicrobial Use (AU) surveillance module. These data are analyzed to help antibiotic stewards identify opportunities to optimize antimicrobial use in the hospital setting.

Enhanced Benchmarking Tool: The 2023 SAAR baseline provides a more precise benchmarking tool for antimicrobial stewardship by comparing observed antimicrobial days to predicted days based on expanded national AU rates. This allows for more accurate assessments and comparisons.

Increased Data Submission: Due to the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program requirement, there has been a steady increase in data submission. This expanded data from additional facilities and patient care locations enhances the accuracy and reliability of the SAAR estimates.

More Precise SAAR Estimates: The 2023 baseline uses data from a larger group of patient care locations, resulting in more precise SAAR estimates. This enables hospitals to better understand and optimize their antimicrobial use.

Calculation of 2023 Baseline SAARs: Hospitals can calculate 2023 baseline SAARs for the calendar year 2023 and onward. This provides a consistent and up-to-date reference for antimicrobial stewardship efforts.

Access to More Information: For more information, visit the [2023 AU SAAR Rebaseline | NHSN | CDC](#).