

Dear NHSN Users,

We are happy to announce that the 2016 NHSN Patient Safety Component (PSC) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents have been posted to the NHSN website.

2016 FAQs are included for the following:

- SSI Procedure Codes
- SSI
- BSI
- UTI
- CLIP
- VAE
- VAP
- MDRO/ CDI
- PSC Analysis
- Annual Surveys
- Locations
- Miscellaneous

The updated FAQs can be found for each surveillance module on the NHSN website.

VAE example:

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CDC > NHSN > Materials for Enrolled Facilities > Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities

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Surveillance for Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance Options

Surveillance for UTI (CAUTI)

Surveillance for C. difficile, MRSA, and other Drug-resistant Infections

Surveillance for BSI (CLABSI)

Surveillance for CLIP

Surveillance for Ventilator-associated Events

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VAE surveillance is available in plan for adult inpatient locations only. See [PNEU/VAP](#) for in-plan surveillance for pediatric locations. In-plan surveillance for ventilated associated PNEU is no longer available for neonatal patients.

The [Ventilator-Associated Event Calculator \(Version 3.0\)](#) (must have javascript enabled) operates based upon the currently posted VAE protocol.

Resources for NHSN Users Already Enrolled

- > Training
- > Protocols
- > **Frequently Asked Questions**
- > Data Collection Forms
- > Supporting Materials
- > Calculator and Worksheets

CMS NHSN Requirements Click here for more information

Please submit any questions regarding the FAQs to NHSN@cdc.gov and include "PSC FAQs" in the subject line.

As always, thank you for your continued support of NHSN,
The NHSN Team