

From: NHSN (CDC)
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To: ALL NHSN Patient Safety and Group Users
Subject: IMPORTANT: Compliance with NHSN Reporting Requirements

Dear NHSN User,

While performing internal data quality tasks at CDC, we've discovered that a large number of facilities have not reported device-associated denominator data for those locations and events indicated in their monthly reporting plans. This serves as a reminder that NHSN requires facilities to enter data according to their monthly reporting plans for surveillance.

Note that if your facility participates in the CMS Hospital IQR Program, you are required to report CLABSI data to NHSN, according to the NHSN protocols. This includes the following:

1. Indicating in your monthly reporting plans that you are following CLABSI in all adult, pediatric, and neonatal ICUs in your hospital.
2. Reporting to NHSN denominator data (i.e., patient days and device days) each month for each adult, pediatric, and neonatal ICU indicated in your monthly reporting plans. These data can be entered using the Summary Data > Add option in NHSN.
3. Reporting to NHSN all CLABSIs identified for each adult, pediatric, and neonatal ICU indicated in your monthly reporting plans. CLABSIs can be entered using the Event > Add option in NHSN.

If the above steps are not completed, your hospital could be at risk for not receiving the annual payment update. Additional guidance was sent to facilities in June and can be found here:
http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/HelpfulTips_CLABSI_Reporting.pdf

We ask that you please check to make sure your hospital has entered data according to your monthly reporting plans. There are numerous methods available to check your data, including the following:

1. Use the Event > Find and Summary Data > Find options in NHSN. These options allow you to perform a search on all data that your facility has reported to NHSN. Note that you can query by time period, location, and/or event type.
2. Use the Analysis Output Options in NHSN, specifically CLABSI rate tables, CLABSI SIRs, and the specialized Data Quality Output Option "Line Listing - Events Reported with 0 Device Days." For guidance on how to use these output options for the purposes of data checking for the CMS Hospital IQR Program, please refer to http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/HelpfulTips_CLABSI_Reporting.pdf

REMEMBER: You will need to generate datasets prior to running the output options in order to obtain the most up to date data for your facility. For more information about how to use some of the features in NHSN, please refer to: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/AnalysisBasics.pdf>

Please note that it is the responsibility of each facility to check their monthly reporting plans, summary data, and events for compliance with the NHSN surveillance protocols. Due to our large user community, we will be unable to honor requests for confirmation of the receipt of your data.

Thank you for your diligence in assuring the quality and accuracy of your NHSN data,
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