

Good morning,

If you faxed your signed re-consent form to NHSN, please do not email us again for confirmation that we received it. Also, if you faxed the form, please do not also send it via postal service. Both of these actions delay our ability to process the form. We will notify you by mid-February as to the status of your re-consent. Some states have required their facilities to enter 2010 facility surveys into NHSN already. If you have done so, we suggest that you print a copy of the survey and keep it. It will simplify matters when you have to complete the survey again after the upcoming release of NHSN Version 6.4.

If you are participating in the NHSN Surgical Site Infection (SSI) module or the Central Line Insertion Practices (CLIP) module please note the two following updates to documentation:

1. The CLIP form that was posted earlier this month contained 2 options in the Occupation of Inserter field which have not yet become functional within NHSN. The system will not yet accept Nurse or Advanced Practice Nurse as answers for this field. The corrected version of the form has been posted and once again includes IV Team and PICC team. It can be found at

[http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57.125\\_CLIP\\_BLANK.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57.125_CLIP_BLANK.pdf)

2. Table 1, Operative Procedure Category Mappings to ICD-9-CM Codes, in the SSI Chapter of the NHSN manual should include a change of codes 53.71, 53.72 and 53.75 from the THOR category to the XLAP category. These codes represent repair of diaphragmatic hernias via an abdominal approach and therefore should not appear in the THOR category. You may find the updated chapter and table at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/9pscSSIcurrent.pdf>

We apologize for any difficulties this may have caused. As always, we thank you for your partnership in preventing healthcare-associated infections.

The NHSN Team