

Posting of the 2018 Patient Safety Component Protocols and Related Documents

To NHSN Patient Safety Component Users:

Happy Holidays from the NHSN Team!

As the year draws to a close, we want to thank you for your continued dedication to surveillance, prevention, and control of healthcare-associated infections. Our nation's patients are safer for your diligence and for that, you can be proud.

Today the NHSN website has been updated with 2018 versions of surveillance protocols that are a part of the NHSN Patient Safety Component (PSC), specifically the surveillance protocols for Central line-associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI), Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI), Surgical Site Infection (SSI), Multi-drug Resistant Organism and *Clostridium difficile* Infection, Ventilator-associated Event (VAE), Pneumonia, Central Line Insertion Practices (CLIP), and Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR).

These protocols are to be used beginning January 1, 2018. Until that time, please continue to use the 2017 protocols, which will remain posted on the lower left hand corner of the NHSN home page under "NHSN Manuals" and titled "2017 NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual". It will also be available on the lower left hand corner of all of the event-specific pages under "Related Links". These 2017 documents will remain available until the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Quality Reporting Program deadline of May 15, 2018, at which time they will be moved to the NHSN Data Validation webpages where they will remain available for facilities/agencies performing retrospective healthcare-associated infection (HAI) data validation. **Reminder: The 2018 list NHSN ICD-10-PCS/CPT operative procedure codes will be available for use after the v8.8.1 release in January 2018. We anticipate that the deployment of the v8.8.1 release will occur on January 23, 2018. We advise users who are performing SSI surveillance using the PS SSI Protocol to delay entering operative procedures that are performed on or after January 1, 2018 until after the v8.8.1 release is complete.**

Because SSI surveillance may involve a surveillance period of up to 90 days from the date of surgical procedure, the 2017 ICD-10-PCS and CPT codes lists will remain on the NHSN SSI website until May 15, 2018 under the header "2017 Operative Procedure Code Documents". These lists should only be used for surgical procedures occurring between Jan 1-Dec 31, 2017. The 2018 ICD-10-PCS and CPT codes lists should be used for all surgical procedures performed in 2018.

Attached to this email is a summary of the most significant modifications, many of which represent only clarifications of protocol instructions, and not changes in the ways that

healthcare-associated infection determinations are made. The document presents the modifications, as best as possible, as either "changes", "clarifications", "additions", or "deletions". **Data collection forms for 2018 have also been posted to the website for your use in 2018.**

As always, thank you for doing what you do, to ensure the safety of your patients. We look forward to continuing our work with you.

The NHSN Team