

From: NHSN (CDC)
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 1:07 PM
To: All NHSN Users
Subject: New Version of NHSN

Dear NHSN User,

The newest version of NHSN is now available. Please read the notes below regarding a few important enhancements in this version.

Patient Safety Component:

1. LabID - Blood Specimen Only reporting

There is a new option available in the MDRO/CDAD module. Facilities are now able to monitor Overall Facility-Wide LabID Event reporting of Blood Specimens Only for any of the MDROs (but not *C. difficile*). The MDRO/CDAD Module protocol, forms and instructions have been updated to incorporate this new option. Data for this new option can be retro-entered back to January 1, 2010.

2. LabID - Updated Specimen Code List

NHSN has changed the specimen source code list that is used for LabID Event reporting. This change has been implemented to make reporting easier and more informative. Existing specimen codes in previously reported events have automatically been mapped to and replaced with the appropriate codes from the new list. A PDF file that shows the correlation between the new codes and old codes can be downloaded from NHSN Help or the NHSN website.

3. Denominator for Procedure

The Denominator for Procedure form has been modified to simplify data entry requirements: "ASA Score" is no longer required for outpatient procedures and "Multiple Procedures" has been removed. The form and instructions have been updated to incorporate these changes. In addition, the file specifications for Importing Procedure data have been modified with the above changes, as well as the inclusion of the ICD-9-CM code to the import file. If you import procedure data via a .csv file, please review the updated file specifications at:
http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/ImportingProcedureData_current.pdf.

4. Aggregate Data from the 2009 Annual Report

All Device-associated and Procedure-associated rate tables in NHSN Analysis have been updated to include aggregate data as published in the 2009 NHSN Annual Report. For your reference, the 2009 NHSN Annual Report is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/dataStat/2009NHSNReport.pdf> .

Biovigilance Component:

After a successful pilot test, the Biovigilance Component is now open for participation. This component currently consists of the Hemovigilance Module. This module is designed for staff in healthcare facility transfusion services to track adverse events, including recipient adverse reactions and quality control incidents, related to blood transfusion. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/bio.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact us at nhsn@cdc.gov.

Thank you,
The NHSN Team

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Subject: Additional Information about Importing Procedures

Dear NHSN User,

Earlier today you received an email regarding changes in the newest version of NHSN. As part of these changes, we modified the Denominator for Procedure form and updated the Import Procedure file specifications document.

PLEASE NOTE: Although we removed the "Multiple Procedures" field, there is no need to change your import file. Instead, NHSN will ignore this field upon import.

Please let us know if you have any questions,
The NHSN Team