

Dear NHSN Users,

As reported in NHSN March 2015 newsletter, NHSN has clarified content in several of the NHSN protocols and modified content in the urinary tract infection (UTI) and surgical site infection (SSI) protocols. The updated protocols and documents are now available to users on the NHSN website. An outline of the clarifications and modifications is posted under each protocol on the website, and attached to this e-mail. Remember, the footer of each updated protocol and table of instruction will reflect a revision date of April 2015 so that users can easily identify which documents have clarifications. Again, aside from UTI and SSI surveillance and reporting, the protocol edits do not impact the identification or reporting of infections. Users must incorporate the SSI modification beginning with January 1, 2015 procedures. The UTI modifications should be used for surveillance beginning April 1, 2015. There is no requirement to edit CAUTI data submitted for January-March 2015 based on these modifications.

Thank you,

The NHSN Team