CDC/NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual
Summary of Revisions, April 2015

2015 brought with it many changes for NHSN healthcare-associated infection and LabID Event surveillance. The implementation of these changes has identified some common NHSN user questions and the need for additional clarification. As a result, NHSN has clarified content in several of the NHSN protocols, including Table of Instructions and forms, where applicable, and modified content in the surgical site infection (SSI) protocol. The footer of each updated protocol reflects a revision date of *April 2015* so that users can easily identify which protocols have clarifications. It is recommended users replace any printed protocols with the April 2015 revised versions. Aside from UTI and SSI surveillance reporting, the protocol edits do not impact the identification or reporting of infections. For SSI surveillance and reporting, please take note of one particularly important change, which was communicated by email to all NHSN users on February 3, 2015. 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.

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Chapter 2: Identifying HAIs in NHSN	1. Edits made to Examples 2, 3, and 4 to add clarification. 2. Edits made to Worksheets to add clarification.
Chapter 3: Monthly Reporting Plan and Annual Surveys	1. Removed the following statement, "*all reporting must occur within 30 days.*"
Chapter 4: Bloodstream Infection	1. Table 5 added to highlight site specific criteria that require blood cultures in order to meet secondary BSI.
Chapter 6: Pneumonia	1. Figure 1- updated picture for visual clarity and footnotes moved to the next page (after Figure 2). 2. Correction made to Event Form 57.111 and the NHSN application in accordance with the PNEU/VAP protocol, "*tachycardia*" was replaced with "*tachypnea*" (PNU1 infants ≤ 1 yr). 3. The following statement in Footnote 8 removed, "*from an immunocompetent patient.*"
Chapter 7: Urinary Tract Infection	1. SUTI 1a, the two subcategories collapsed into single category, and clarification made to the wording to improve clarity. A "*Note*" was added to SUTI 1a criteria to add additional clarification for users. The edits are also reflected in the UTI flowchart, Event Form 57.114, Table of Instructions, and NHSN application. 2. Clarification made to the *Settings* in which UTI surveillance may occur, *long term care locations* edited to reflect *long term acute care*.
Chapter 9: Surgical Site Infection (SSI) Event	1. The January 2015 definition change for NSHN *inpatient* and *outpatient operative procedure* was rescinded. These definitions were updated in the protocol, Table of Instructions, and Forms CDC 57.120 and CDC 57.121. NHSN users were notified via the 2/3/15 release notes.
Chapter 10: Ventilator-Associated Event (VAE)	1. Clarifications made to example and table on page 10-11.

Chapter 12: MDRO & CDI	1. Additional reference added to the chapter. 2. In the Table of Instruction, *Location* field was edited to indicate a required field in accordance with the protocol.
Chapter 16: Key Terms	1. New definition added, "*Gross Anatomical Exam.* "
Chapter 17: Surveillance Definitions	1. Minor edits made to MEN-meningitis or ventriculitis, criterion 2 to improve clarity. Meningeal and cranial changed to represent singular or pleural. 2. Added clarification to definitions that use imaging test evidence of infection throughout Chapter 17. 3. Additional citation added to GI-CDI criteria. 4. Correction to hypothermia temperature reference for patients ≤1 year of age (<36.0°C±)