

CHARTING THE COURSE: 2022 HAI REBASELINE

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The NHSN Team is preparing to update the national baseline data used to calculate all healthcare-associated infection (HAI) standardized infection ratios (SIRs) and standardized utilization ratios (SURs) in the Patient Safety Component. This process of updating the national baseline is referred to as the “Rebaseline.”

Currently, the number of predicted HAIs or device days (the denominators of the SIR and SUR) are calculated using 2015 baseline data and associated risk models. The Rebaseline process will begin this summer, with the NHSN Statistics and Analytics Teams analyzing national data from **2022** to create over 250 updated risk models; these updated risk models will then be used for new calculations of the SIR and SUR denominators.

New SIR and SUR reports, based on the 2022 national baseline and risk models, will be created in the NHSN application in a phased approach. Our goal is to complete the implementation of the 2022 national baseline and risk models for all HAIs, devices, and facility types [acute care hospitals, critical access hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRFs), and long-term acute care hospitals (LTACHs)] by the end of 2024.

Multiple opportunities for education and communication around the 2022 Rebaseline and its implications will be available to the NHSN community later this year. You can find additional information regarding the 2022 Rebaseline on our website <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/2022rebaseline/index.html> including a list of FAQs.

Questions can be submitted to NHSN@cdc.gov, with subject line 2022 HAI Rebaseline.

Note: All current SIRs and SURs available in NHSN, under the existing 2015 national baseline, will remain available in NHSN for use.

