

2026 NHSN ANNUAL TRAINING

SCWD4931

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This enduring activity is designed to educate healthcare personnel on how to measure, validate, interpret, and respond to data relevant to healthcare associated infections. The participant will then be able to present data to the staff, initiate process improvements at the facility level, and positively impact healthcare practices. This educational opportunity will enhance the knowledge and skills of the users in order to decrease healthcare-associated infections and improve patient safety and enhance patient outcomes.

OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the surveillance methods for healthcare-associated events reported in the NHSN Patient Safety Component
2. Describe the surveillance methods for healthcare-associated events reported NHSN Outpatient Procedure Component
3. Explain NHSN data analysis options for healthcare-associated infections reported in NHSN
4. Identify best practices for antibiotic surveillance using NHSN

FACULTY/ CREDENTIALS:

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URL

<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training/annualtraining.html>

INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Administrators, Advance Nurse Practitioners, Epidemiologists, Laboratorians
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Health Educators, Physician Assistants, Program Managers, Registered Nurses.

PREREQUISITES:

The target audience is healthcare personnel involved in infection control. Participants should have some clinical background and be familiar with the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Patient Safety Component Manual document and the NHSN application.

FORMAT:

This activity is **Web on Demand**

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