

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:

- ❖ **Bethany Hall, MPH** - Public Health Analyst with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP). She works in the Office of Blood, Organ, and Other Tissue Safety (BOOTS) which oversees the NHSN Hemovigilance Module.
- ❖ **Isabel Griffin, PhD, MPH** - Epidemiologist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where she works within the Office of Blood, Organ, and Other Tissue Safety in the Division of Healthcare and Quality Promotion.
- ❖ **Tatiana Bradley, CPHT, MPA, MBA** - Public Health Analyst with Chenega Corporation, serving as a

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- ❖ **Jennifer Watkins, MPH, BSN, RN** - Nurse Infection Preventionist with CACI Inc., a contractor for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) within the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where she is a member of the Protocol and Training Team.
- ❖ **Renée Zell, MPH, CIC** - Infection Preventionist Consultant for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) within the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) at CDC.
- ❖ **Rita Allen, MSN, RN, CIC** - Nurse Infection Prevention Consultant with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), Surveillance Branch (SB), where she is a member of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Protocol and Training Team.
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- ❖ **Irene Khan, DrPH, MPH** - Public Health Analyst/Epidemiologist with Leidos, Inc., contractor for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) within the Surveillance Branch in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
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- ❖ **Darielle Oliver, MPH** - Public Health Analyst with CACI Inc. For the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Acute Care Analytics Team in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion.
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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**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

CDC's CE Accreditation Team has a policy for grievances that is available upon request.

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