

2026 NHSN ANNUAL TRAINING

SCWC4931

AGENDA – WEEK 1

Date & Time		Title	Presenter
March 17, 2026	12:35 PM	Diving Deep into SSI Surveillance	Melissa Otis, BSN, RN is a Nurse Infection Prevention Consultant with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), Surveillance Branch where she is a member of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Protocol and Training Team. Rita Allen, BSN, RN, CIC is a 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. Denise Leaptrot, SM/BSMT(ASCP), CIC is an Infection Preventionist/Epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (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. Samantha Holton, MPHTM, CIC is an Infection Preventionist/Public Health Analyst for CACI Inc., a contractor for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), within the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality and Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
March 19, 2026	12:15 PM	Bacteremia and Fungemia Surveillance Module	Kristi Betz, MD, PhD is a physician and the Measure Development and Validation Unit Lead for Surveillance Branch/National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion at CDC. Robyn, Harte, MPS, BS is a public health data analyst with Lantana Consulting Group, a contractor for the NHSN Acute Care Analytics Team (ACAT) in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion at CDC. Jennifer Donnelly, BS, MPH is a Public Health Analyst with CACI for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Marissa McMeen, MPH, MLS (ASCP), CIC, FAPIC is a Public Health

			Analyst/Infection Preventionist with Lantana Consulting Group, a contractor for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), within the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
	1:55 PM	VAE, PedVAE, and case studies - Ventilator-Associated Event (VAE): Surveillance Guidelines and Protocol Application 2026	Samantha Holton, MPHTM, CIC is an Infection Preventionist/Public Health Analyst for CACI Inc., a contractor for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), within the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality and Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Emily Witt, MPH is a Public Health Analyst with CACI, a contractor for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Protocol and Training Team, within the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
	3:25 PM	Pediatric Ventilator-Associated Event (PedVAE): Surveillance Guidelines and Protocol Application 2026	Samantha Holton, MPHTM, CIC is an Infection Preventionist/Public Health Analyst for CACI Inc., a contractor for the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), within the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality and Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Emily Witt, MPH is a Public Health Analyst with CACI, a contractor for the National Healthcare Safety

			Network (NHSN) Protocol and Training Team, within the Surveillance Branch of the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
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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
5. Describe the importance of interprofessional collaboration in healthcare-associated infection surveillance and reporting

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