PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The training activity is designed to educate healthcare personnel on how to measure, validate, interpret, and respond to data relevant to healthcare-associated infections, specifically surgical site 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 learning opportunity will enhance the knowledge and skills of the users in order to decrease healthcare-associated infections, improve patient safety, and enhance patient outcomes.

OBJECTIVES:
At the conclusion of the session, the participant will be able to:
1. Describe the NHSN surveillance methodology
2. Explain key terms and definitions for the procedure-associated module
3. Identify surgical site infection (SSI) events using protocol criteria
4. Identify how to collect data effectively and efficiently using the Monthly Reporting Plan
5. Interpret data for performance improvement and patient safety

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**HARDWARE/SOFTWARE:** Computer Hardware; Internet connection; Browser

**MATERIALS:** None

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, Administrators, Nurse Technicians, Epidemiologists, Laboratorians, Health Educators and Data Entry Staff

**PREREQUISITES:** The target audience is healthcare personnel involved in infection control. The participants should be familiar with the content of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Patient Safety Component manual document available on the NHSN website and basic analysis functions within the NHSN application.

**FORMAT:** This activity is web based.

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