

Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention Hospital Edition Newsletter June 2015

Department of Health Updates

Technical Advisory Highlights

The Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention section recently issued guidance in the form of three technical advisories due to changes made by the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Two of the advisories address NHSN changes in the criteria for present at the time of surgery (PATOS) and the definition of clostridium difficile (CDI). The third advisory was issued in anticipation of an update expected later this year - the transition to ICD-10-CM codes and the operative procedure category Pennsylvania other (PAOTH). The technical advisories are available on the [HAIP website](#).

Department of Health Social Media

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is now on social media. These sites will be used to provide healthy living information, news stories, emergency preparedness tips, upcoming events and clinics, videos, and photos distributed by the department.

[Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) on Facebook
[@PADOH](#) on Twitter

NHSN Information

CDC NHSN Training

Videos of the February 2015 Live NHSN Training from Atlanta along with corresponding slide sets have been posted on the NHSN website.

[NHSN HAI CLABSI, Secondary BSI Training February 2015](#)

[CAUTI Definition with Case Studies February 2015](#)

[SSI Surveillance with Case Studies February 2015](#)

[VAE, VAP and PNEU Training February 2015](#)

[MDRO/CDI LabID Event Reporting February 2015](#)

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NHSN Information

MDRO Reporting Reminder

Beginning January 2015, in order to comply with the NHSN and CMS reporting requirements for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program, the following units within an acute care hospital must be mapped in NHSN for MDRO reporting:

- Emergency departments (ED)
- Observation units (CDC definition in Chapter 15 NHSN Manual)

Facilities report a single monthly FacWideIN denominator summed for all inpatient locations (total facility patient days and total facility admissions), as well as separate denominators to capture ED and observation location encounters for each mapped location. As of January 1, 2015, facilities were also required to exclude and indicate that inpatient rehabilitation facility and inpatient psychiatric facility locations (with a different CMS Certification Number [CCN] from the acute care facility [even if only different by a single letter in the 3rd position]) have been removed from monthly FacWideIN denominator counts (patient days and admissions).

A summary screen shot is provided below that outlines these instructions from NHSN on the entry of monthly MDRO denominator data.

Denominator Data: FacWideIN

- ❑ **On the summary data entry screen, select FACWIDEIN as the location for which you are entering the summary data.**
- ❑ **After selecting the FACWIDEIN location, month, and year, six summary data fields will become required.**
- ❑ **Except for CDI section, patient day and admission counts may be the same if facility does not have units with different CCN**

MDRO and CDI Prevention Process and Outcome Measures Monthly Monitoring

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Facility ID*: 10401 [DHQP Memorial Annex]

Location Code*: FACWIDEIN - Facility-wide Inpatient (FacWideIN)

Month*: December

Year*: 2015

General

Setting: Inpatient Total Facility Patient Days*: 1150 Total Facility Admissions*: 700

Setting: Outpatient Total Facility Encounters*: []

If monitoring MDRO in a FACWIDE location, then subtract all counts from patient care units with unique CCNs (TRF and IPF) from Totals

MDRO Patient Days*: 1000 MDRO Admissions*: 600 MDRO Encounters*: []

If monitoring C. difficile in a FACWIDE location, then subtract all counts from patient care units with unique CCNs (TRF and IPF) as well as NICU and Well Baby counts from Totals

CDI Patient Days*: 890 CDI Admissions*: 590 CDI Encounters*: []

For this quarter, what is the primary testing method for C. difficile used most often by your facility's lab? []

Enter TOTAL number of inpatient patient days for the hospital for the month. Observation patients cared for in an inpatient unit must be included in this count.

Enter TOTAL number of inpatient admissions into the hospital for the month. Includes observation patients cared for in an inpatient unit.

Enter number of inpatient patient days/admissions, excluding counts for locations with different CCN.

Enter number of inpatient patient days/admissions, excluding counts for locations with different CCN AND baby locations.

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Resources and Information

New Patient Safety Authority (PSA) Articles

[Decision Making Map to Improve Hand Hygiene Behavior](#)

[Antibiotic Stewardship in Hospitals and Long Term Care Facilities : Building an Effective Program](#)

New Brochure Patient Safety Authority

The Patient Safety Authority recently posted a new brochure on [Healthcare -Associated Infection Reporting in Pennsylvania](#) to their website.

APIC Topic-Specific Web Pages

APIC has organized key infection prevention topics and created [topic-specific Web pages](#) to help infection preventionists and consumers quickly access these important resources. Topics include: hand hygiene, disinfection and sterilization, CAUTI, CLABSI, C-difficile infection, CRE, Ebola, MRSA, pneumonia, environmental services, antimicrobial stewardship, vaccine preventable diseases, and long-term care.

NHSN Contact Information

For NHSN help, please send an email to: nhsn@cdc.gov.

Include the facility five-digit NHSN assigned ID number with your question in the email subject.

CDC's NHSN website: www.cdc.gov/nhsn