WHY IS TRAINING NECESSARY & BENEFICAL?

The NHSN Annual Training held, Monday, March 20th – Friday, March 24th, aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of NHSN facility- and group-level participants and their partners in order that they may effectively use the data obtained from the surveillance system to improve patient and healthcare personnel safety. This training is developed for anyone whose responsibilities include use of the NHSN surveillance protocols for acute care or long-term care facilities, as well as those who use the date reported to the NHSN and desire a better understanding of how the data is collected or analyzed.

It is recommended for hospitals to allow dedicated, uninterrupted time for Infection Preventionists (IPs) to log in and participate in the NHSN live webstreaming. Training will discuss NHSN data collection methods, submission requirements, and analysis options to participants so that they may acquire, submit, and disseminate high quality, actionable data. Participants may also receive Continuing Educations Units (CEUs) upon completion of each training module.

Access additional training information here: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training/annualtraining.html

WHAT IS NHSN?

NHSN is the nation's most widely used healthcare-associated infection (HAI) tracking system that provides data needed to measures progress of prevention efforts, identify opportunities for improvement, and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

WHY IS NHSN IMPORTANT?

721,800

In 2011, CDC estimated 721,800 occurrences of HAIs in acute care hospitals. An estimated 75,000 patient deaths were reported with an HAI present.

NHSN provides medical facilities, states, regions, and the nation with data collection and reporting capabilities needed to:

• Monitor important healthcare process measures such as healthcare personnel influenza vaccine status and infection control adherence rates.
• Benchmark progress of infection prevention efforts.
• Comply with state and federal public reporting mandates.

Data courtesy: https://www.cdc.gov/HAI/surveillance/index.html

WHO SHOULD USE NHSN?

Medical facilities use NHSN to see their data in real time and to use their data to identify opportunities to improve the safety of their patients.

States use NHSN to measure progress in HAI reduction against national, state and local prevention goals.

Personnel use NHSN to collect data and create reports.

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