Introduction to NHSN

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Basics of Infection Prevention
Healthcare-Associated Infections Program
Center for Health Care Quality
California Department of Public Health



Objectives

- Review mandatory HAI surveillance and reporting requirements
- Describe National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) and key terms
- Demonstrate how to use NHSN
- Review how to interpret NHSN reports



California HAI Reporting Requirements for Hospitals

- Central line associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI)
- MRSA bloodstream infections (MRSA BSI)
- VRE bloodstream infections (VRE BSI)
- C. difficile infections (CDI)
- Surgical site infections for 28 procedures (SSI)
- Central line insertion practices (CLIP) adherence (for lines inserted in ICUs)

Report data monthly per NHSN protocol

CDPH reporting deadline: 30 days after end of each quarter



Additional HAI Reporting Requirements for Hospitals Participating in CMS Quality Improvement Programs

- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)
- Ventilator-associated events (VAE) LTAC hospitals only

<u>Healthcare Facility HAI Reporting Requirements to CMS via NHSN</u> (PDF) (https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/CMS/CMS-Reporting-Requirements.pdf)

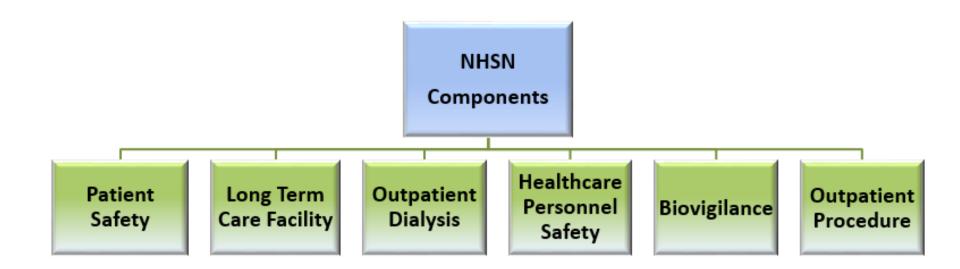


National Healthcare Safety Network

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 surveillance system for HAI reporting from hospitals, long
 term care facilities, and hemodialysis clinics
 - Provides standardization
 - Data used for HAI public reporting and pay for performance programs
- Required by CDPH to receive mandated HAI data from hospitals
- Accessed through a secure, web-based interface; open to all U.S. healthcare facilities at no charge



NHSN Structure

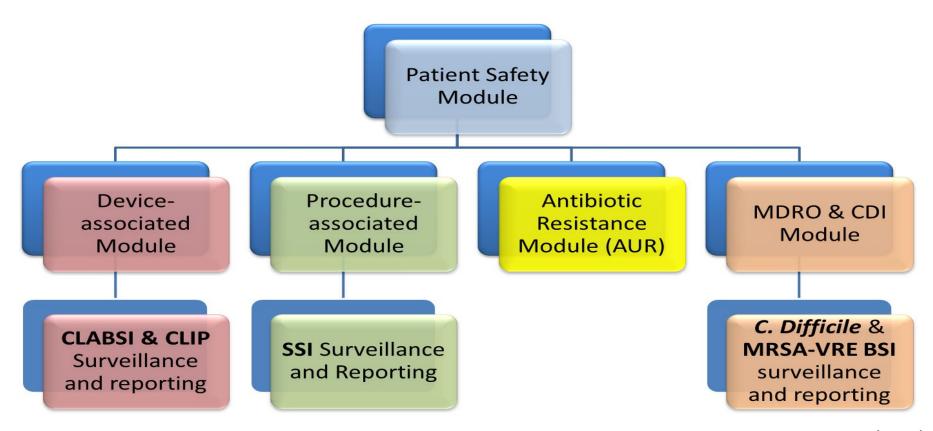


NHSN Overview

(www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/1PSC_OverviewCurrent.pdf)



NHSN Structure: Patient Safety Component

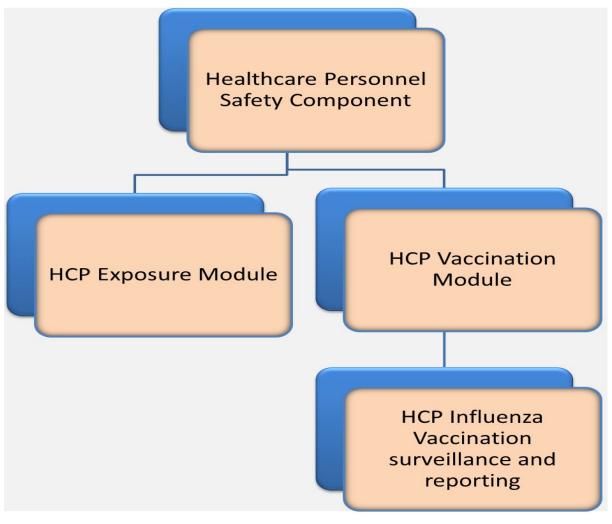


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NHSN Structure: Healthcare Personnel Safety Component

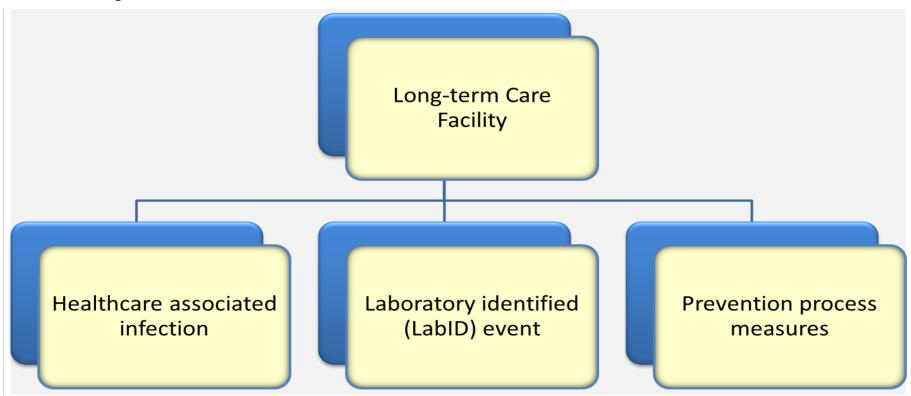


NHSN Healthcare Personnel Safety Component (PDF)

(https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/hps-manual/hps_manual-exp-plus-flu-portfolio.pdf)



NHSN Structure – Long Term Care Facility Component



NHSN Long-term Care Component

(https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/index.html)



NHSN Strengths

- Provides standards for surveillance to allow comparisons over time
- Data are risk-adjusted using national referent (baseline) data
- Web-based; data housed remotely
- Automated data quality checks
- Built-in data analysis tools Allows electronic reporting using national electronic health record standards (e.g., HL7, CDA)
- Expandable to many health care setting types



NHSN Data

Facilities own their NHSN surveillance data

- May edit data at any time to improve accuracy and completeness
- May join NHSN groups to confer rights for data access
 - Allow healthcare organizations to analyze data from member facilities
 - Facilities within a group cannot see each other's data
 - California hospitals mandated to join the CDPH group in NHSN
- Data use agreement with NHSN describes data sharing with CMS and state/local public health departments



National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)

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NHSN

NHSN Login

About NHSN

Enroll Here

Materials for Enrolled Facilities

Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities

Ambulatory Surgery Centers

Long-term Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities

Outpatient Dialysis Facilities

Long-term Care Facilities

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities

Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities

MDRO & CDI LabID Event Calculator

VAE Calculator

HAI & POA Worksheet Generator

FAQs about HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary

FAOs About the

Reporting in NHSN

Hemovigilance Module

2015 Rebaseline

CDC > NHSN

Surveillance Reporting for Enrolled Facilities

Reporting & Surveillance Resources for Enrolled Facilities







Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities



Urgent care or other short-term stay facilities (e.g. critical access facilities, oncology facilities, military/VA facilities

More >

Ambulatory Surgery Centers



Outpatient Dialysis Facilities

More >

CMS requirements, newsletters



Long-term acute care hospitals (LTACs).

https://www.cdc.gov/NHSN

Surveillance protocols, forms,

analysis resources, FAQ, training,

More >

Long-term Care Facilities



Nursing homes, assisted living and residential care, chronic care facilities

Outpatient dialysis clinics.

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities



Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities.

Accessing NHSN

- Each hospital must assign a NHSN facility administrator (FA)
 - Receives all NHSN communications
 - Assigns new users
 - Has full rights and can assign user rights as needed
 - Can create user groups
- To become an NHSN user
 - FA sends new user requests (e-mail) to NHSN
 - NHSN invites (email) the new user
- All NHSN users must apply for a Security Access
 Management Services (SAMS) card to access NHSN

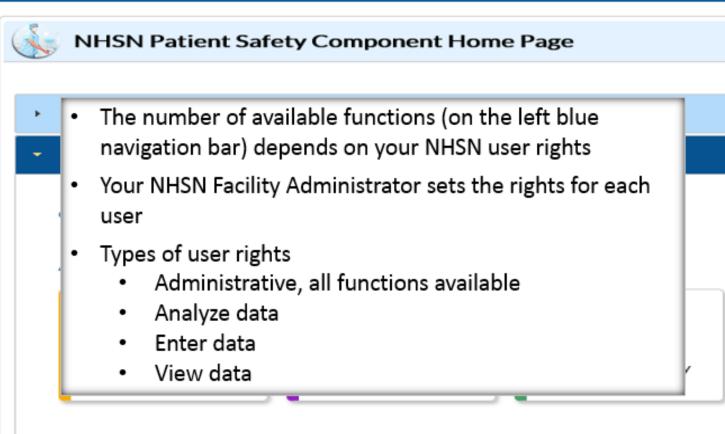


Access NHSN via Secure Web Portal Using SAMS Card



NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network





Map NHSN Locations

- Each NHSN patient care area is defined by the type of patients receiving care in that location
- Define (or redefine) a patient care location:
 - Step 1: Determine the acuity level (e.g., critical care, ward)
 - Step 2: Determine the type of service (e.g., burn, surgical, cardiac)
- Hospital designates each location type
- Important to review location mapping yearly to ensure correct risk adjustments applied for each location

NHSN Patient Safety Manual: Chapter 15



Determine NHSN Location Types

- Apply 80% Rule to designate patient type in most locations
 - Patient care area is comprised of at least 80% patients of the same acuity level
- Apply 60% Rule for medical/surgical mixed units
 - If more than 60% are medical patients, define as a medical location
 - If more than 60% are surgical patients, define as a surgical location

NHSN Patient Safety Manual: Chapter 15

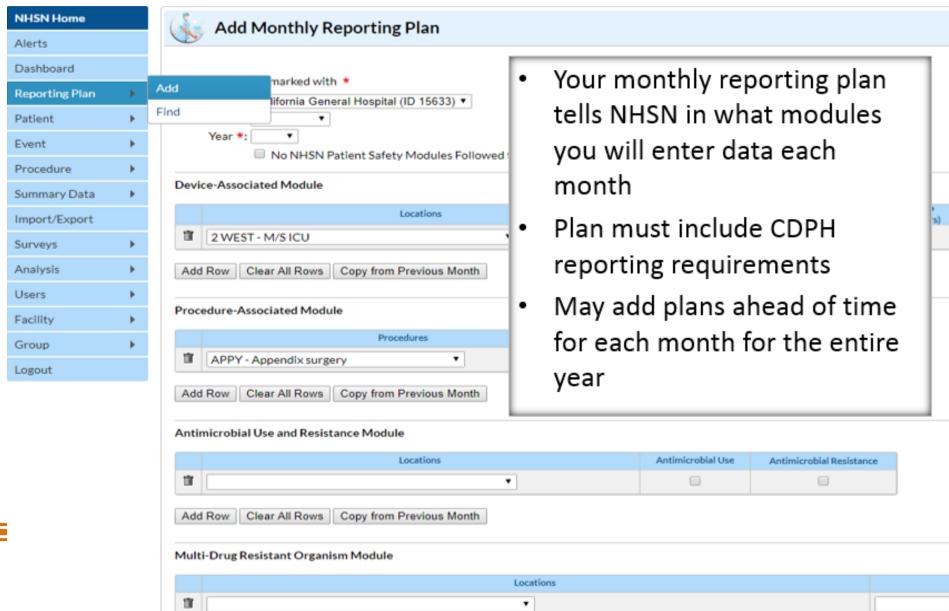


NHSN Inpatient vs Outpatient

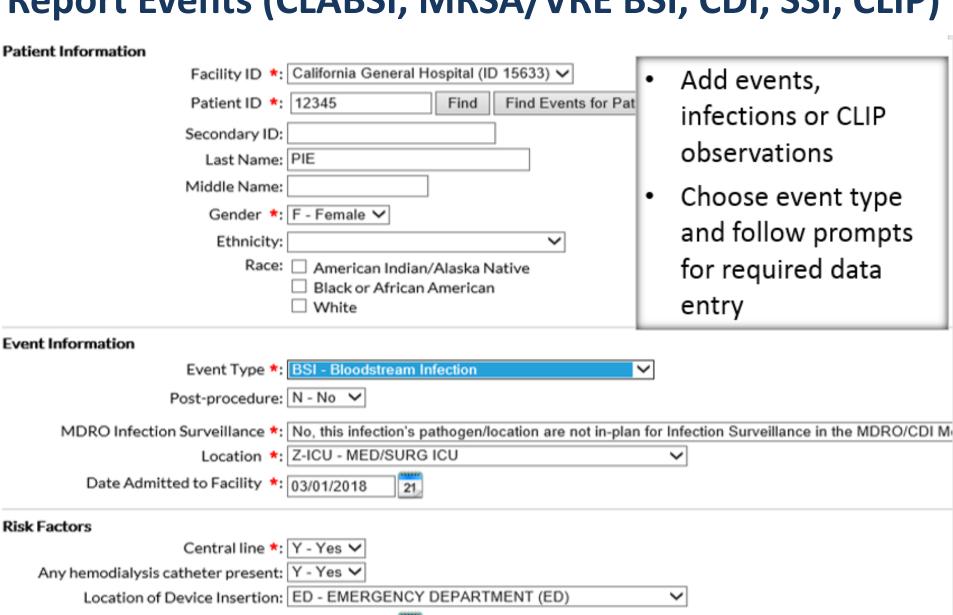
- NHSN Inpatient: a patient whose date of admission to the healthcare facility and the date of discharge are <u>different</u> <u>calendar days</u>
- NHSN Outpatient: patient whose date of admission to the healthcare facility and the date of discharge are the <u>same</u> <u>day</u>
- SSI and surgical procedure data are only reported for NHSN inpatients
- However, data from outpatient locations (for example, ED and 24-observation units) required for other surveillance protocols



Enter Your Monthly Reporting Plan



Report Events (CLABSI, MRSA/VRE BSI, CDI, SSI, CLIP)



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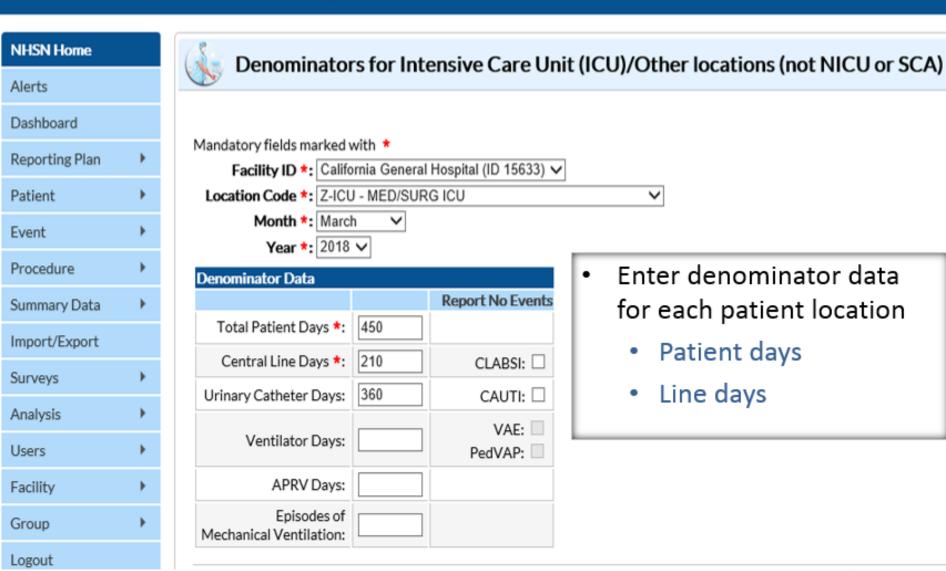
Colonization and Inflammation

- <u>Colonization</u> presence of microorganisms on skin, mucous membranes, in open wounds, or in excretions or secretions but are not causing adverse clinical signs or symptoms
- <u>Inflammation</u> results from tissue response to injury or stimulation by noninfectious agents, such as chemicals
- Colonization and inflammation are <u>not infections</u> and not reported to NHSN
- May need to report colonization to public health per communicable disease reporting requirements (for example, CRE, C. auris)

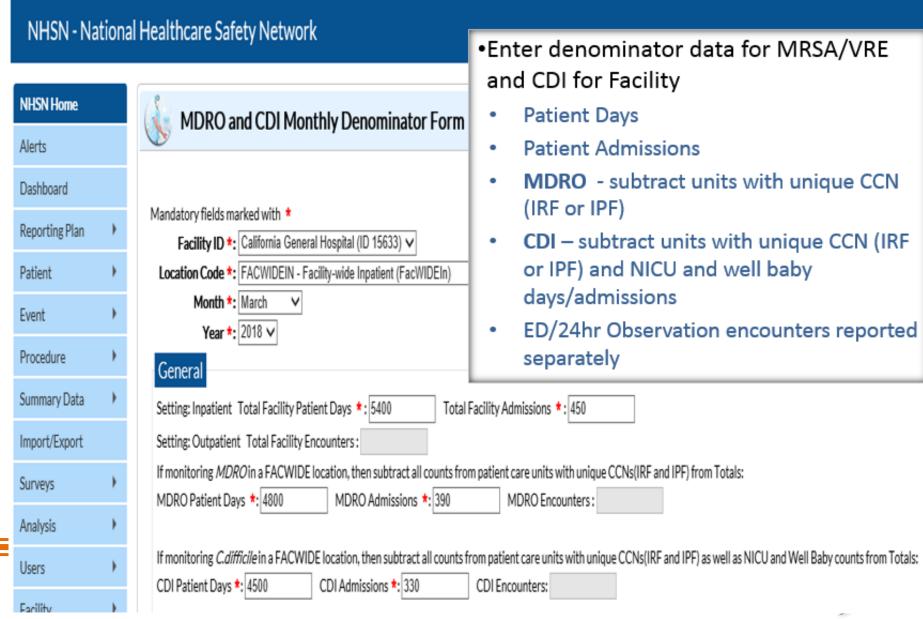


Report Monthly Summary Data - CLABSI

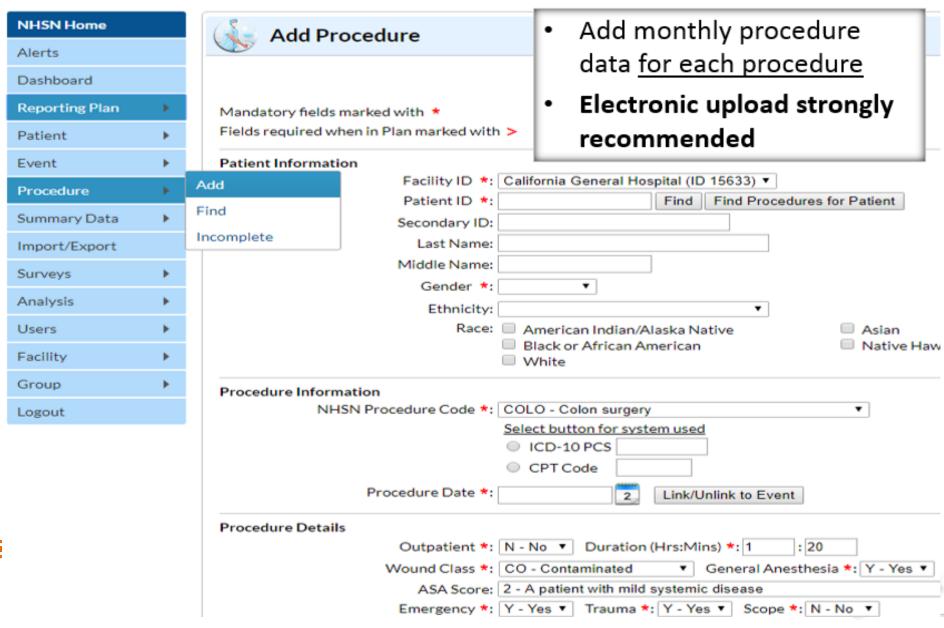
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Report Monthly Summary Data – MDRO / CDI



Report Monthly Surgical Procedure Data



NHSN Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR)

- Used by NHSN to report infection incidence
 - SIR instead of infection rate
- Driven by need for a single summary measure of infection incidence that adjusts for differences in infection risk
- SIR compares the number of HAI reported by your hospital with a predicted number of HAI calculated by NHSN



NHSN Risk Adjustment

Factors in Risk Adjustment

* Data from NHSN Annual Survey

affiliation*

HAI

MBI-LCBI

 NHSN applies risk adjustment to determine the predicted number of HAI for your hospital based on 2015 referent data

CDI	Test type, community onset prevalence, facility bed size*,facility medical school affiliation*, number of ICU beds*, facility type*,reporting from ED or 24-hr observation unit
CLABSI	ICU vs ward, medical school affiliation*, facility bed size*, facility type* average length of stay* (LTACH), birth weight (NICU)

Acute care hospitals only; ICU vs ward, facility bed size*, medical school

MRSA BSI Community onset prevalence, average length of stay*, medical school affiliation*, facility type*, number of ICU beds*

SSI Age, ASA score, wound class (contaminated or dirty), procedure duration, general anesthesia, emergency procedure, gender, BMI, diabetes, trauma, endoscope, procedure type (primary, revision), approach, spine level, closure, duration of labor, oncology, facility bed size*, medical school affiliation*

SSI Risk Adjustment

- Risk models developed for each NHSN operative procedure
 - Includes only those risk factors found to increase SSI risk for that procedure
- Every patient undergoing a procedure in your hospital has a SSI risk probability calculated by NHSN
- Your hospital's predicted number of SSI is the sum of your surgical patients' risk probabilities



Calculating SIR

Examples:

• If your hospital has 2 CLABSI per 1000 line days and national data predict 2.0 CLABSI per 1000 line days:

$$SIR = 2 = 1.0$$

• If your hospital has 4 SSI per 100 hip prosthesis procedures and national data predict 2.5 SSI:

$$SIR = 4 = 1.6$$



Interpreting SIR

- SIR= **1.0**
 - Number of HAI observed in your hospital is the same as the predicted number of HAI for your hospital as derived from NHSN national referent data
- SIR < 1.0
 - Fewer HAI observed than predicted
- SIR >1.0
 - More HAI observed than predicted

Note: NHSN will only calculate the SIR for your hospital if the predicted number of infection is >1



Determine if Your SIR is Significantly Higher or Lower than National Comparison Data

Summary Yr	Infection	Number	Central	SIR SIR p-value		95% Confidence
	Count	Expected	Line Days			Interval
2016	9	7.191	3786	1.25 (0.2962)		0.653, 2.184

The observed difference is not statistically significant if

- p-value >0.05, or
- 95% confidence interval includes 1.0
- If the p-value is not significant, the confidence interval won't be significant either and vice versa
- The confidence interval indicates precision as well as significance



SIR Interpretation

Summa	ary Yr	Infection Count		Central Line Days	SIR	•	95% Confidence Interval
202	16	9	7.191	3786	1.25	0.2962	0.653, 2.184

Describe findings:

- 1. "We had 9 CLABSI in 2016; 7.2 were expected. Our SIR is 1.25 or 25% higher than what would be predicted from national data."
- 2. "However, this difference is not significantly different than that predicted by the national hospital data because our estimate is not very precise." *
- 3. "In fact, our SIR may be anywhere from 35% below to more than double the predicted value (.65 2.2)."
- 4. "We will continue to monitor CLABSI over time. More data will help us better understand how we compare. Our goal is to prevent all CLABSI."



SIR Interpretation - 2

Summary Yr/Half	InfCount	Number Expected	Central Line Days	SIR	SIR p-value	95% Confidence Interval
2016H1	74	26.606	10065	2.78	0.0000	2.184, 3.492

Describe findings:

- 1. "We saw 74 CLABSI in 10,065 line days; 26.6 were predicted."
- 2. "The SIR is 2.78, or nearly 3 times higher than what would be predicted from national data."
- 3. "This is significantly different than the national hospital data."
- 4. "In fact, the precision of this estimate shows that our hospital is between 2 and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ times higher than predicted (C.I. 2.2 3.5)."
- 5. "We need to implement a CLABSI prevention program immediately."



SSI Risk Adjustment - 2

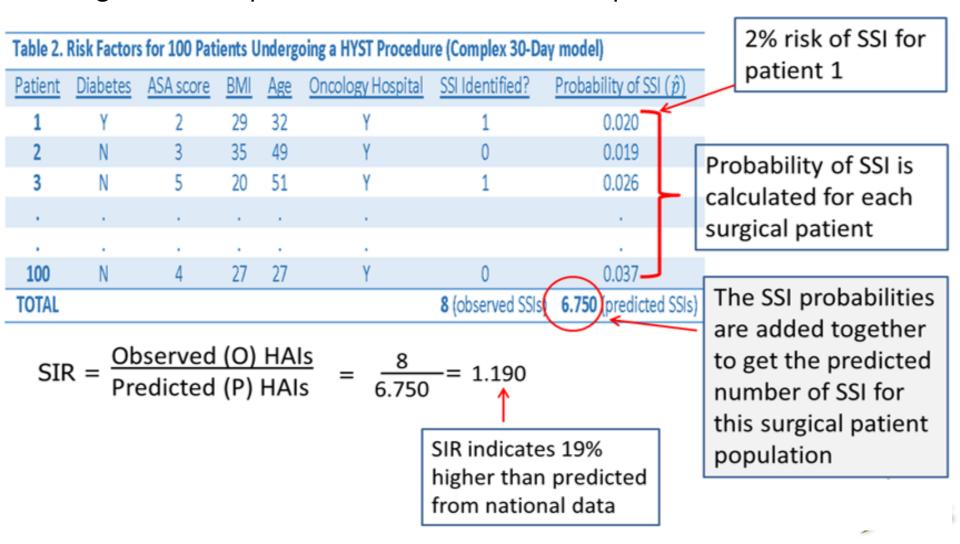
Example: Abdominal hysterectomy (HYST)

- Factors in the model that add to SSI risk are
 - Diabetes
 - ASA score
 - Hospital bed size (from the annual survey)
 - Scope
 - Age
 - Duration of procedure
 - BMI

NHSN: A Guide to the SIR (PDF)

SSI Risk Adjustment - 3

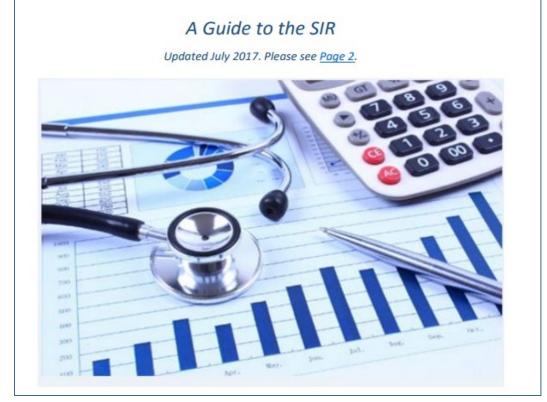
This table represents a partial list of 100 hypothetical patients who have undergone a HYST procedure and the risk factors present for each



NHSN: A Guide to the SIR

- How to interpret SIR
- How SIR is calculated
- Risk adjustment factors for specific HAI

THE NHSN STANDARDIZED INFECTION RATIO (SIR)



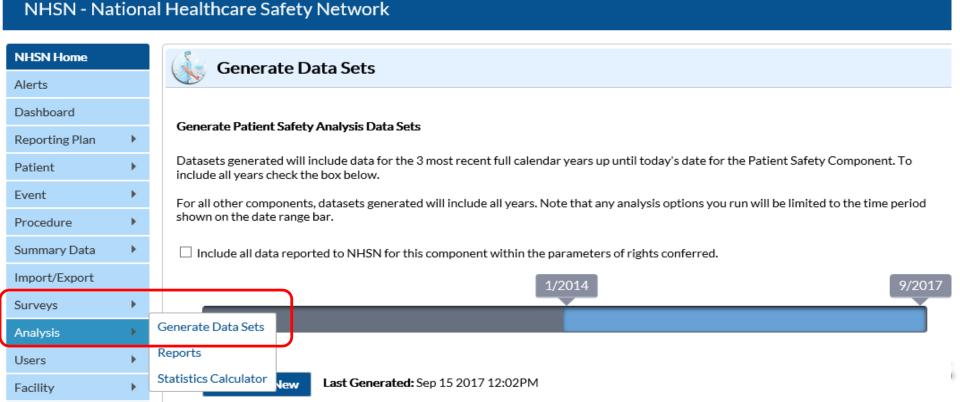
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(https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ps-analysis-resources/nhsn-sir-guide.pdf)



Use Your NHSN Data

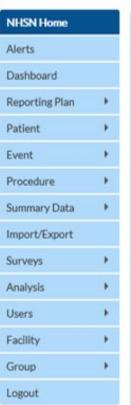
- Generate a data set after all data are entered before running analysis reports
- Generating a data set retrieves a copy of your hospital data from NHSN

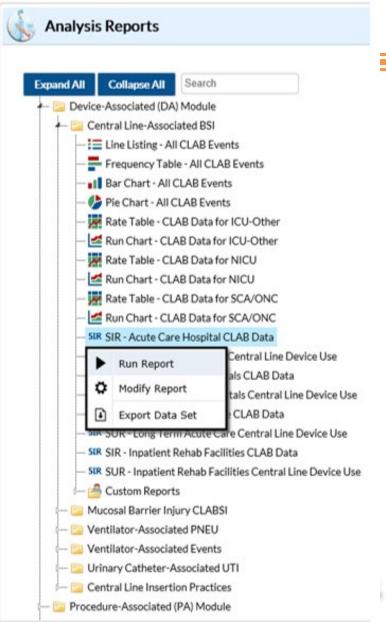


NHSN Analysis Options and Reports

- Analysis Reports are available only if you have generated a data set
- Developed by NHSN
- Presented in a series of expandable folders
- To view report options
 - Choose a module
 - Choose "Modify Report" to choose a date range, other options
 - If you select "Run Report," all relevant data for the last several years will be included in the report

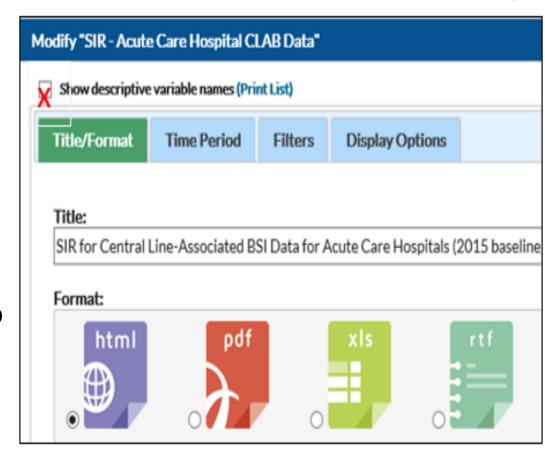
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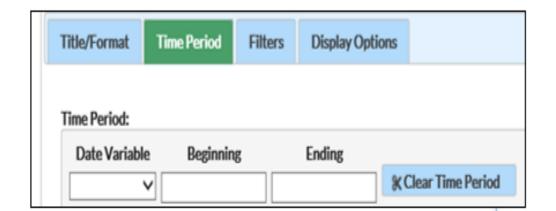




Modifying NHSN "Canned" Report

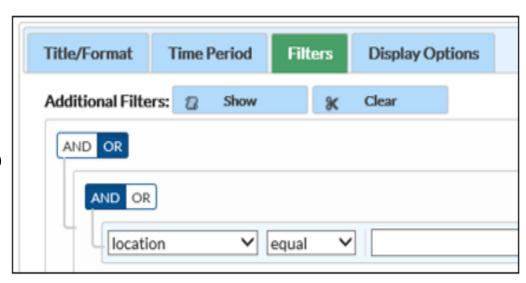
- Check "Show descriptive variable names"
 - Easier to read
- Choose what you want to modify
 - Title or Format
 - Time Period

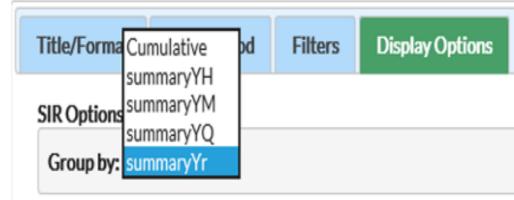




Modifying NHSN "Canned" Report - 2

- Filters
 - Allows more variables to be added to the report
- Display Options
 - Choose how you want the data displayed in the report







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Sample Rate Table

 Review your rate tables routinely to verify that infections and denominator data are reported each month

National Healthcare Safety Network Rate Table for Central Line-Associated BSI Data for ICU-Ot

loccdc=IN:ACUTE:CC:CT CCN= 99999

As of: September 23, 2017 at 6:20 PM

Date Range: BS2_CLAB_RATESICU summaryYM 2016M01 to 2016M12

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location	summaryYM	CLABCount	numCLDays	CLABRate	numPatDays				
CCU	2016M01	0	187	0.000	410				
CCU	2016M02	1	226	4.425	392				
CCU	2016M03	0	242	0.000	383				
CCU	2016M04	0	165	0.000	388				
CCU	2016M05	0	217	0.000	341				
CCU	2016M06	1	197	5.076	353				
CCU	2016M07	0	207	0.000	386				
CCU	2016M08	0	164	0.000	289				
CCU	2016M09	0	180	0.000	342				
CCU	2016M10	0	176	0.000	356				
CCU	2016M11	0	53	0.000	469				
CCU	2016M12	0	197	0.000	398				

Sample Standardized Infection Ration (SIR) Table for One Year – by Location

Shows each location's predicted number of CLABSI

Shows each locations SIR and p-value indicating if the SIR is significantly lower or higher than predicted

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location	summaryYr	months	infcount	numPred	numcldays	SIR	SIR_pval	SIR95CI
4 M/S	2016	12	1	2.862	3288	0.349	0.2778	0.017, 1.723
5 MED	2016	12	3	4.237	4867	0.708	0.5940	0.180, 1.927
6E ONC	2016	12	5	4.406	4158	1.135	0.7309	0.416, 2.516
6S 6W	2016	12	1	2.330	2676	0.429	0.4214	0.021, 2.117
CCU	2016	12	2	2.227	2211	0.898	0.9634	0.151, 2.967
CMU NEW	2016	12	1	1.905	2188	0.525	0.5813	0.026, 2.589
ICCU	2016	12	2	1.333	1477	1.501	0.5352	0.252, 4.958
ICU	2016	12	11	4.463	4430	2.465	0.0085	1.296, 4.284

Standardized Utilization Ratio (SUR)

The number of central line days/the number of predicted central line days = SUR*

location	summaryYr	months	numCLDays	numPredDDays	SUR	SUR_pval	SUR95CI
4 M/S	2016	12	3288	3,178.743	1.034	0.0547	0.999, 1.070
5 MED	2016	12	4867	4,204.914	1.157	0.0000	1.125, 1.190
6E ONC	2016	12	4158	3,412.874	1.218	0.0000	1.182, 1.256
6S 6W	2016	12	2676	1,836.685	1.457	0.0000	1.403, 1.513
CCU	2016	12	2211	2,291.468	0.965	0.0936	0.925, 1.006
CMU NEW	2016	12	2188	2,257.310	0.969	0.1464	0.929, 1.011
ICCU	2016	12	1477	882.010	1.675	0.0000	1.591, 1.762
ICU	2016	12	4430	5,873.825	0.754	0.0000	0.732, 0.777

^{*}Calculated SUR is also available for CAUTI surveillance

CDC NHSN Standardized Utilization Ration (SUR) Guide (PDF) (https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ps-analysis-resources/nhsn-sur-guide-508.pdf)

Targeted Assessment for Prevention (TAP) Reports

Number of Beds	Patient Days		CDIF Facility Incident HO LabID Event Count	CDIF Facility Incident HO LabID Number Expected	Facility CAD	SIR
354	60059	0.14	61	55.034	22.48	1.108

- Available for CDI, CLABSI, CAUTI
- Identifies number of infections that need to be prevented to reach targeted goal
 - Called the cumulative attributable difference (CAD) in NHSN
 - Lists results by location for CLABSI and CAUTI
- Assists in deciding where to focus infection prevention efforts



NHSN Help

- Use NHSN website www.cdc.gov/nhsn
- **Email NHSN questions** to nhsn@cdc.gov
- For technical questions about CDPH NHSN requirements, email HAI Data@cdph.ca.gov

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)



CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network is the nation's most widely used healthcareassociated infection tracking system. NHSN provides facilities, states, regions, and the nation with data needed to identify problem areas, measure progress of prevention efforts, and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections

In addition, NHSN allows healthcare facilities to track blood safety errors and important healthcare process measures such as healthcare personnel influenza vaccine status and infection control adherence rates.







For first time facility enrollment.



Data and Reports

See national and state reports





CDA Submission Support

Toolkits, FAQs, webinars and

resources for testing and validation for CDA implementers.

Portal (CSSP)





Summary

- NHSN is a surveillance system used for recording data which meets the regulatory reporting requirements for CDPH and CMS
- NHSN has many analysis features to assist users in interpreting and presenting their data
- Resources are available for interpretation and analysis of NHSN data from:
 - <u>CDC</u> (ww.cdc.gov/nhsn)
 - CDPH (www.cdph.ca.gov/HAI)



Questions?

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