

HAI Liaison Program
Outreach and Prevention Activities, 2013

January - April 15 Update

1) Provide support to hospitals for HAI surveillance and reporting via the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) per state mandate

- Presented 90-minute summary of all 2013 changes to NHSN surveillance protocols; repeated class at 3 different times, January 17 and 18.
- Regionally-based HAI Liaison IPs provided over 70 consultations for assistance with HAI surveillance and reporting
- Each HAI Liaison Program IP held 4 scheduled monthly update conference calls (January-April) with all hospitals in his/her assigned region (average 75 hospitals/ FTE), which includes a review of NHSN monthly updates and newsletters; attendance remains steady at ~50% of hospitals participating

2) Amplify use of HAI data for local HAI prevention efforts

- Launched the Data for Action Tour with Liaison IPs going onsite to hospitals to help identify areas for targeted improvement and leaving each hospital with a set of recommendations specific to the facility.
 - Since March 1, completed 13 of 50 schedule "Using Data for Prevention" one-day site visits, designed to help hospitals use their HAI surveillance data from the CDPH public reports and NHSN to identify areas for targeting prevention efforts.
 - Since March 1, completed 17 of 49 scheduled SSI Validation 2-day site visits to assess SSI surveillance and reporting process, and use of SSI data for prevention.
- Provided more than 30 ad hoc and scheduled phone consultations with hospital-based IPs on developing HAI reports and interpreting HAI data to be used for internal hospital prevention efforts
- Scheduled a repeat (with updated content) of a series of hands-on teleconference workshops entitled "Using NHSN Analysis for Prevention" to teach hospitals how to use their own NHSN data for promoting internal prevention efforts. 90 minute classes to be held weekly for 4 consecutive weeks, May 2, 9, 16, and 23.

3) Support HAI prevention collaboratives and focused projects

- Continued the LTAC Hospital HAI Prevention Assessment Project, completing focused 2-day onsite review by 2 Liaison IPs of prevention practices in 20 of 23 long-term acute care hospitals. Performed monitoring of adherence to prevention practices or "bundles" and provided tailored recommendations to each hospital. Planned follow-up in late 2013 (pending the availability of funding).
- Collaborating with Department of Health Care Services California Children's Services (CCS) and the California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC) on a new quality improvement initiative targeting central line associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) in neonatal intensive care units (NICU). Specifically, Liaison staff are leading project efforts related to culture change and sustaining improvement over time by introducing and facilitating adoption of the Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP) method. 69 California hospital NICUs are participating in this year-long project launched in Sacramento on February 13.
- HAI Liaison Program staff served as faculty and subject matter experts for the California QIO Health Services Advisory Group's HAI Learning and Action Network: Getting to the Heart of the Matter, Reducing HAIs, held February 14 in Pasadena. Also served as faculty for first of 3 scheduled Patient Safety First/BEACON collaborative learning sessions convened by the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California on February 19 in Sacramento (to be repeated April 23 in San Francisco, and June 18 in Fresno). Presented "Preventing *C. difficile* Infection and Sustaining Results Over Time"

- Continuing support of the 17 California hospitals enrolled in “On the CUSP: Stop CAUTI;” the 3rd Learning Session in the 18-month project will be convened April 29.
- Wrapping up a 16-month project for a cohort of rural/small hospitals for *C. difficile* Infection (CDI) Prevention/Antimicrobial Stewardship (ASP)
- Continuing support of an HAI prevention project for 21 of California’s smallest hospitals, focusing on improving environmental cleaning and reducing infection transmission

5) Develop and build the infection prevention workforce

- Conducted 2-day “Basics of Infection Prevention” educational course, in 2 locations, Los Angeles and Richmond, April 3-4, 2013; educated 85 attendees, mostly new infection preventionists

Respectfully submitted by
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