



Rural, Small, & Critical Access Hospital HAI Prevention Collaborative

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Organizational Partners

- California Department of Public Health, HAI Program
- HHS Region IX Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
- California Hospital Association
 - Hospital Council of Northern & Central California
 - Hospital Association of Southern California
 - Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties
 - California Hospital Patient Safety Organization



Prevention Collaborative Goals

- Implement evidenced-based practices to reduce HAI among unique hospital cohorts (3 projects)
- Standardize patient care practices in rural, small, CA hospital settings for the prevention of CDI
- Develop and/or strengthen antimicrobial stewardship programs
- Demonstrate patient care improvements and increase patient safety culture through collaborative efforts (which may be more difficult to realize by individual hospital efforts)

Project 1

Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI) Prevention / Antimicrobial Stewardship

Unique Characteristics

- “CDI Prevention Gift Box” with prepackaged project materials
- Gift Box contents to include
 - Assessment survey
 - Evidenced based practice guides
 - Staff and patient education materials
 - Monitoring tools and report templates



Project 1

Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI) Prevention / Antimicrobial Stewardship

Unique Characteristics (continued)

- Partnering with the California Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP) Initiative
 - Consultation with CDPH medical epidemiologist
 - Facility assessment
 - Identification of hospital-based ASP team members
 - Development of strategic program and business plan
 - Implementation of ASP strategic plan

Project 2

Best Practices for HAI Prevention in California's Smallest Hospitals (<35 beds)

Unique Characteristics

- Capitalize on the collaborative model to share, apply and support best practice implementation
- Specific HAI prevention target(s) will be determined by the group
- Structured facilitation, project support, and IP expertise tailored to needs of small hospitals



Project 3

“On the CUSP: Stop CAUTI”

Unique Characteristics

- National program with demonstrated effectiveness, implemented at hospital-unit level
- Expanded (more relaxed) project implementation period
- Learning sessions conducted by national and local subject matter experts
- Project materials provided to participants
- Rural/small hospital focus will contribute to national perspective on HAI prevention

Questions?

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