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The Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Program is one of three programs in the [Center for Health Care Quality](#) of the [California Department of Public Health](#). The Program is responsible for the surveillance, reporting, and prevention of infections in California's general acute care hospitals as mandated by Senate Bills 739, 1058, and 158. The Program was authorized in December 2009.

HAIs are the most common complication of hospital care and are listed among the top ten leading causes of death in the United States. It is estimated that each year there are more than 1.7 million infections, 99,000 deaths, and \$3.1 billion dollars in excess healthcare costs in acute care hospitals alone. Based on this data it is estimated that approximately 200,000 infections occur in California each year with an annual cost of about \$600 million - \$1.6 billion. The vision of the HAI Program is to eliminate HAIs for California patients.

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### VIDEO Library

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Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus infection
- »» Snort Sniffle Sneeze: No Antibiotics Please!
- »» Partnering To Heal Interactive Video  
Team Up: Increase your awareness of the risks of HAIs and how you can prevent them
- »» Put Your Hands Together  
Emphasis of proper hand hygiene
- »» Handwashing Saves Lives  
The importance of this practice
- »» Questions are the the Answer!  
Questions can help you take better care of yourself, feel better and get the right care

### Influenza Vaccination For Consumers

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### HAI Education and Prevention Library

- »» Links to HAI definitions, prevention information and mandatory Public Reporting
- »» Infographic: Infection Prevention and You  
What you can do to prevent HAIs
- »» Antibiotics: When do you really need them?  
The problem of antimicrobial resistance
- »» Speak Up: Five Things You Can Do to Prevent Infections
- »» Basics on Handwashing  
A how-to on handwashing
- »» Basics on Hand Sanitizing  
A how-to on hand sanitizing
- »» My Questions For My Healthcare Visit  
Use this card to list the questions you want to ask for your healthcare visit

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About HAIs

- »» Clostridium difficile infection (CDI, C. difficile, C. diff)
- »» Central line-associated bloodstream infection
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### How to File a Complaint About a Healthcare Facility

- »» File a Complaint Against a Healthcare Facility through the Licensing and Certification Unit

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### Information for Infection Prevention Programs

- !New [AFLs, Legislation and Regulations](#)
- !New [Guidelines and Information for Long-Term Care Facilities \(LTCF\)](#)  
Includes New Survey
- [California Infection Control and Prevention Guidelines](#)
- [HAI Liaison Program - IP Assignments by County](#)

### NHSN Guidance Specific to California Hospitals

- [NHSN Guidance Specific to California Hospitals](#)
- [Data Validation for Improving HAI Surveillance and Prevention](#)
- [NHSN Analysis for Prevention Guidance Series](#)

### Influenza Information

- [Healthcare Personnel Influenza Vaccination](#)
- [Influenza Vaccination Information for Consumers](#)

### Antimicrobial Resistance

- !New [Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae](#)
- [California Antibigram Project](#)
- [The California Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Initiative](#)

### HAI Education for Healthcare Professionals

- [Basics of Infection Prevention Guidelines Two-Day Mini Course](#)
- [Educational Offerings by HAI Staff](#)
- [Partnering to Heal: Teaming Up Against Healthcare-Associated Infections Video-Stimulation Training Program](#)
- [UCSD Infection Prevention Course -- Designed to Meet CA SB 158 Requirements](#)

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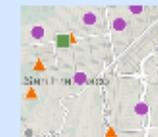
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## Public Health Partners: What Can We Do To Prevent HAI?

### Partners in HAI Prevention

- CDPH HAI Liaison Program: Designated Infection Preventionists by County
- California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO)
- Selected links to the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Prevention (APIC)
- Selected links to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Selected links to the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)
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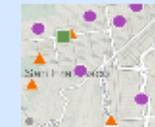
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## HAI Policy and Guidance: What Can We Do To Prevent HAI?

### California Healthcare Associated Infections - Advisory Committee

- !New [HAI Advisory Committee -- Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)
- >> [HAI Advisory Committee Bylaws June 2012](#)
- >> [Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act 2010](#)
- >> [Advisory Committee and Subcommittees Member List](#)

### California HAI Subcommittees

- >> [Antibiotic Stewardship Subcommittee -- Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)
- >> [Infection Preventionist Assessment Subcommittee -- Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)
- >> [Public Reporting and Education Subcommittee -- Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)
- >> [State HAI Prevention Plan Subcommittee -- Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)

### AFLs, Legislation and Regulations

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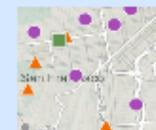
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### Public Reporting - Healthcare Associated Infections

- !New [Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection \(CLABSI\) and Central Line Insertion Practices \(CLIP\) 2012](#)
- !New [Methicillian-resistant Staphylococcus aureus \(MRSA\) and Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus \(VRE\) 2012](#)
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- !New [Clostridium difficile Infections \(CDI\) 2012](#)

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### Public Reporting - Prevention Measures

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- >> [Healthcare Influenza Personnel Vaccination](#)
- >> [Surgical Site Infection Prevention Measures](#)

### Previous HAI Annual Reports

- >> [Prior Annual Reports](#)