



We would like to invite you to attend the NHSN training course “Applying the 2016 Changes to Accurately Report HAI’s,” to be held February 29 and March 1-4, 2016 at the CDC Global Communications Center in Atlanta, GA. This course is intended for infection preventionists or hospital epidemiologists from acute and long term care facilities, as well as staff from Quality Improvement Organizations, Quality Improvement Networks, Health Engagement Networks, and State Health Departments or others interested in learning more about NHSN surveillance. Speakers will discuss topics to include CMS reporting and definition and protocol clarification for catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI), central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI), surgical site infections (SSI), ventilator-associated events (VAE), and laboratory-identified (LabID) event reporting for *Clostridium difficile* (CDI) and methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) bacteremia, and Antibiotic Stewardship. Subject matter experts will provide interactive case studies for each infection/event type. Course participants will also have the opportunity to gain a better understanding of their NHSN surveillance data and how these data can be used for prevention. Finally, the course will provide a forum for this community of practitioners to gather together to share experiences and network with peers and new colleagues.

We expect applications for the course to exceed seating capacity. Because we want to ensure a good representation and fair distribution of NHSN user types, some reservations will be set aside for QIO, QIN and HEN participation as well as one space per state/territory. The remaining slots will be randomly selected from the applicants who apply during registration. Please click on the link to apply:

https://events.membersolutions.com/event_register.asp?content_id=60612

Registrants will be notified by email of their status. Lodging recommendations and other registration details will be included in your confirmation packet.

All applications will be retained, and in the event of a cancellation, an applicant will be drawn at random and notified of selection. Please do not make travel plans unless notified of acceptance into the course and please refrain from emailing NHSN to check on the status of your application.

There is no registration fee for the course. However, registrants will be responsible for all travel expenses and the cost of food and beverages.

For those unable to attend the training in person, the course and associated materials will be available via live webstreaming. In addition, the sessions will be accessible and archived on the NHSN website for future viewing. A separate email will be sent with details for how to view the live webstream. No registration for webstream viewing is required.

Continuing education is pending for this activity. Please see final announcements for details. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta in February, or to providing “virtual” training to those joining us by webinar!

The NHSN Protocol and Training Team