

Statewide NHSN Trainings – September 2011

Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section (IDEpi) of the LA Office of Public Health presented the second annual set of statewide trainings on National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) for infection prevention partners. Three trainings were held in the following cities: Metairie, Alexandria, and Monroe.

The trainings reached over 70 infection prevention partners, and included participants from hospitals, state health department, and private organizations.

Educational content focused on Surgical Site Infections (SSI), Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI), and the Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR).

Selected modules from the NHSN Patient Safety Component were primarily driven by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) 2012 reporting and reimbursement guidelines.

Acute care hospitals are required to report abdominal hysterectomies and colon surgeries, as well as CAUTI events in adult and neonatal intensive care units through NHSN to be compliant with IPPS 2012.

Facilities are familiar with the pay-for-reporting system as IPPS 2011 requires acute care hospitals to report Central-Line Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI) that occur in adult and neonatal intensive care units to the Network.

[Slides](#) presented at the training are posted to the Healthcare-Associated Infections Resource Center [website](#). Special thanks are given to the following public health partners for coordinating the trainings: Dr. David Holcombe, Dr. Shelly Jones, Pamela Kreyling, Michele Pogue, and Diela Robertson.



Dr. David Holcome, Region 6 Medical Director and HAI Advisory Committee member, welcomes participants to the Alexandria NHSN Training on September 22, 2011.

Louisiana HAI Program Welcomes Diela Robertson

Diela Robertson has recently been added to the leadership team for the Healthcare-Associated Infections initiative.

Mrs. Robertson acts in a leadership role on state and local hepatitis prevention program and policy issues. She has 20 years of experience on the local and state level in Data Management, Tobacco Control, Breast & Cervical Cancer, Bioterrorism, and most recently, viral hepatitis prevention.

Diela has made extensive efforts to constructively collaborate within OPH with other Divisions & Programs, particularly HIV, STD, Immunization, and TB Prevention.

She has done collaborative work with external national prevention partners including the National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD).

Diela also plays a critical role in promoting collaboration and integration of HIV, STD and viral hepatitis, having worked closely with the Immunization Program to implement an Adult Hepatitis Vaccine Program to vaccinate adults at risk for Hepatitis A and B.

She is a council member for The New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council (NORAPC) and sits on the Allocations Committee.



Diela Robertson
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Bookmark These Links!

- Louisiana HAI Resource Center:
<http://1.usa.gov/oECy09>
- CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program:
<http://bit.ly/nZfzHB>
- NHSN Enrollment Requirements for CMS Reporting:
<http://1.usa.gov/bsqx4k>
- Partnership for Patients Webinar Series: <http://bit.ly/lAgwOB>



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APIC CHAPTER NEWS

Greater New Orleans (#027)

Officer Installation Luncheon
Ralph's on the Park
Friday, December 2, 2011
11:30 a.m.

River Region (#078)

Chapter Meeting
Landry's Seafood
Friday, November 18, 2011
11:00 a.m.

Ark-La-Tex (#037)

Thanks to the participants at our October fair!

State-Level Partners Collaborating to Eliminate Healthcare-Associated Infections Meeting: September 2011 - Dallas, TX



Debra Rushing, eQHealth Solutions executive director, pictured with Kenneth Alexander, vice-president of quality and regulatory activities for Louisiana Hospital Association. Rushing and Alexander serve on the Louisiana HAI advisory committee.

Six representatives from Louisiana traveled to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-sponsored "State-Level Partners Collaborating to Eliminate HAI Meeting", which was held September 16-17, 2011 in Dallas, TX. Represented agencies from Louisiana included the State Health Department, eQHealth Solutions (the state Medicare quality improvement organization), and the Louisiana Hospital Association.

The purpose of this meeting was to promote collaboration and strategic alignment of programs and resources across state-level entities with healthcare-associated infection prevention related activities.

HAI partners from all fifty states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico shared and discussed information regarding current and pending state-level legislation/ initiatives that may impact national-level prevention efforts (e.g., state reporting mandates).

Debra Rushing (eQHealth) and Erica Washington (Infectious Disease Epidemiology) presented at the meeting for a panel discussion on public and private partnerships for collaborative formation. The invitation to participate in the panel discussion was extended to Louisiana's partners by Dr. Don Wright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Healthcare Quality, and other partners from the DHHS Office of Healthcare Quality (OHQ).

Over 300 attendees participated in the meeting. Presented slides will go live on OHQ's [website](#) later this fall.

The Office of Healthcare Quality (OHQ) was established by the Assistant Secretary for Health in December 2009 to lead and coordinate cross-cutting issues that strengthen the health system and improve the quality of healthcare and public health across the United States. It is located within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), under the Office of the Secretary (OS) in the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS).

APIC of Greater New Orleans Vendor and Education Fair

The Greater New Orleans Chapter of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC-GNO) held their annual vendor and education fair on Friday, October 7, 2011 at North Oaks Health System in Hammond, LA. The focus of the fair was *Broadening the Scope of Surgical Safety*.

Over 50 infection prevention partners and 23 vendor representatives from southeastern Louisiana and Mississippi participated in the day's activities. Four speakers delivered information for participants: Dr. William Jarvis (Biopatch), Nita Kasan (Vestagen), Beverly Spencer (Clorox), and Dr. Raoult Ratard (OPH).

For information on participating in the 2012 vendor and education fair, contact Erica.Washington@LA.GOV.



Dr. William Jarvis addresses the group on Surgical Safety at the October 7th APIC-GNO vendor and education fair.

CDC Dialysis Bloodstream Infection (BSI) Prevention Collaborative

The CDC [Dialysis BSI Prevention Collaborative](#) is a partnership aimed at preventing bloodstream infections (BSIs) in hemodialysis patients.

The prevention collaborative is open to freestanding and hospital-based outpatient dialysis facilities across the country.

The goal of CDC's Dialysis BSI Prevention Collaborative is to work together to prevent bloodstream infections (BSIs) in hemodialysis and spur a broader interest in preventing infections among the dialysis community.

The prevention collaborative consists of freestanding and hospital-based outpatient dialysis facilities across the country.

Participating facilities measure BSIs using the dialysis event surveillance module in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), and are using a package of evidence-based practices to prevent these devastating infections.

Get Smart about Antibiotics Week: November 14th-19th

Get Smart for Healthcare is a CDC campaign focused on improving antibiotic use in inpatient healthcare facilities, starting with hospitals and then expanding to long-term care facilities.

The goal of *Get Smart for Healthcare* is to optimize the use of antimicrobial agents in inpatient healthcare settings by focusing on strategies to help hospitals and other inpatient facilities implement interventions to improve antibiotic use. Contact Melissa.Brown2@LA.GOV for more information at the state level about our *Get Smart* campaign!

- **Monday:** "Antibiotics: Will they work when you really need them?" [Target Audience: Consumers]
- **Tuesday:** "Delivering safe care for patients: all healthcare providers play a role" [Target Audience: Healthcare providers]
- **Wednesday:** "Antibiotic stewardship – the ultimate return on investment" [Target Audience: Healthcare facility administrators, payers]
- **Thursday:** "Preserving antibiotics for the future"
- **Friday:** "Resistance anywhere is resistance everywhere"

Healthcare Facility HAI Reporting to CMS via NHSN – Current and Proposed Requirements

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HAI Event	Facility Type	Reporting Start Date
CLABSI	Acute Care Hospitals Adult, Pediatric, and Neonatal ICUs	January 2011
CAUTI	Acute Care Hospitals Adult and Pediatric ICUs	January 2012
SSI	Acute Care Hospitals Colon and abdominal hysterectomy	January 2012
I.V. antimicrobial start (<i>proposed</i>)	Dialysis Facilities	January 2012
Positive blood culture (<i>proposed</i>)	Dialysis Facilities	January 2012
Signs of vascular access infection (<i>proposed</i>)	Dialysis Facilities	January 2012
CLABSI	Long Term Care Hospitals *	October 2012
CAUTI	Long Term Care Hospitals *	October 2012
CAUTI	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities	October 2012
MRSA Bacteremia	Acute Care Hospitals	January 2013
<i>C. difficile</i> LabID Event	Acute Care Hospitals	January 2013
HCW Influenza Vaccination	Acute Care Hospitals	January 2013
HCW Influenza Vaccination	OP Surgery, ASCs	October 2013
SSI (<i>proposed</i>)	Outpatient Surgery/ASCs	January 2014

* Long Term Care Hospitals are called **Long Term Acute Care Hospitals** in NHSN