



# In the Know

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Louisiana Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antibiotic Resistance Prevention Program

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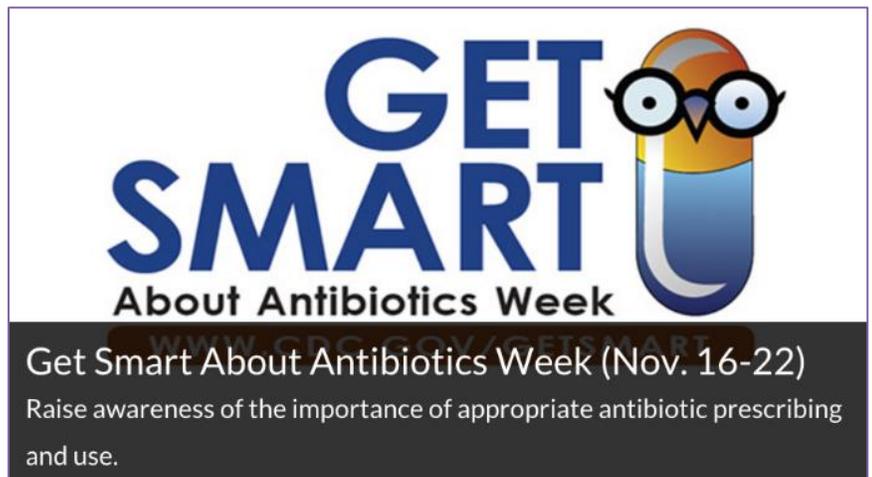
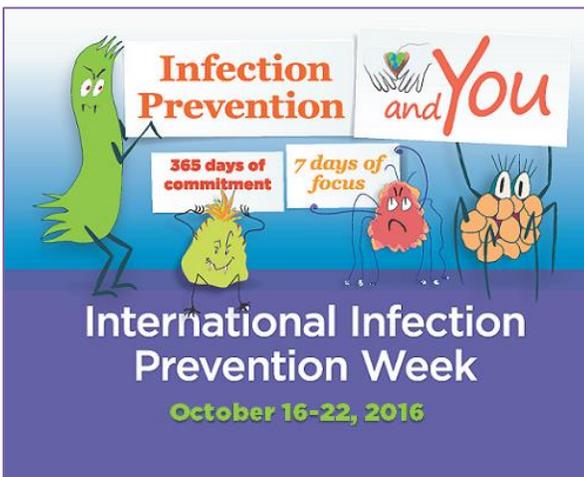
## NHSN Antibiotic Use/Resistance Module and Meaningful Use Stage 3

For 2018, NHSN Antimicrobial Use (AU) and Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) (AUR) reporting have been identified as a new option for public health registry reporting under Meaningful Use Stage 3 (MU3). The AUR Module of NHSN is the only portion of the Network wherein reporting qualifies users for any stage of Meaningful Use.

Refer to the certification criterion (§ 170.315(f)(6)) in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Electronic Health Record Incentive Program-Stage 3 and Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 through 2017.

Beginning January 2017, a facility enrolled in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) will be able to register their intent to satisfy the AUR-MU3 objective. Only the NHSN Facility Administrator will have user rights to register the facility's AUR-MU3 intent.

Per the participation requirements for MU3, reporting AUR data is optional for 2017 and mandatory for 2018. Active engagement for this MU3 objective includes monthly reporting for a full calendar year of R1 Normative Antimicrobial Use Summary, Antimicrobial Resistance Event, and Antimicrobial Resistance Summary data in the format of Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) to NHSN. MU3 reporting participation through the AUR Module requires participation in both the Antibiotic Use and Antibiotic Resistance surveillance portions. More information is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/cdaportal/meaningfuluse.html>.



## APIC Conference 2016

The Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology annual conference was held June 11-13, 2016 in Charlotte, NC. Louisiana's River Region and Greater New Orleans Chapters were well represented among conference attendees. Congratulations to Janice Augustine (Our Lady of the Angels Hospital), Susan Waguespack (St. Elizabeth Hospital), and Leslie Kelt (St. Tammany Parish Hospital) for presenting posters at the conference.



## Upcoming Educational Opportunities from Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section of Louisiana Office of Public Health



### NHSN/Emerging Infectious Diseases Workshops 2016

*This activity has been submitted to Louisiana State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Louisiana State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

#### Locations

<p><b>November 14, 2016</b> East Bank Regional Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, 70001</p> <p><b>November 16, 2016</b> Willis-Knighton Bossier Hospital, 2400 Hospital Drive, Bossier City, 71111</p> <p><b>November 17, 2016</b> Region 6 Office of Public Health, 5604-B Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria, 71303</p>
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#### Agenda

Time	Activity
9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Welcome/Introductions
9:45 a.m.	Outbreak Exercise
10:15 a.m.	NHSN Antibiotic Use/Resistance Module
11:15 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.	NHSN Definitions Review
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Case Studies
2:15 p.m.	Jeopardy
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	Infection Control Assessments
3:30 p.m.	Emerging Infectious Diseases
4:00 p.m.	Wrap Up/Evaluations

Registration and complete event details are available at <http://ldh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2566>. For questions, contact Erica Washington at [Erica.Washington@LA.gov](mailto:Erica.Washington@LA.gov).

#### **Rapid Response/Field Epidemiology Workshop**

This activity has been approved for 5.5 Continuing Education Credits. Register to participate here: <http://ldh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1816>. Attendance is free of charge.

- October 12: Our Lady of the Angels Hospital, Bogalusa, LA

#### **National Healthcare Safety Network/Emerging Infectious Diseases Workshops**

This activity has been approved for 4.0 Continuing Education Credits. Register today at <http://ldh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2566>. Attendance is free of charge.

- November 14: East Bank Regional Library, Metairie, LA
- November 16: Willis-Knighton Bossier, Bossier City, LA
- November 17: Region 6 Office of Public Health, Alexandria, LA

#### **Management of Multi Drug-Resistant Organisms in Long Term Care Settings**

This activity is being applied for continuing education credits. Attendance is free of charge.

- January 2017: TBA

## APIC Chapter News

### Greater New Orleans

The Vendor and Educational Conference will be held Friday, September 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at East Jefferson General Hospital. Attendance is free for APIC members who belong to Louisiana chapters. Complete event details are at [www.apicgno.org](http://www.apicgno.org).

### River Region

The next quarterly meeting will be held Friday, October 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Petroleum Club of Lafayette. Two presentations will be held: "Vascular Access Securement" (1 CEU available), and "Decolonization". To register, contact [connie.deleo@brgeneral.org](mailto:connie.deleo@brgeneral.org).

## Periodically in NHSN, ensure you...

### Have your most up-to-date contact information reflected in the Network

If you have had a change in your NHSN Facility Administrator and no longer have access to the Administrator's login information, complete the following:

- Have a C-level executive fax a letter to NHSN at (404) 929-0131.
- The letter should include your name as the new NHSN Administrator to be assigned, phone number, e-mail address, and the 5-digit NHSN Facility ID.
- Once the administrator role is changed, one may add additional users to your facility.

## CDC NHSN Re-Baseline Webinar

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. CDT

### Summary:

The goal of this activity is to inform Infection Preventionists and public health partners on the new national baseline for healthcare-associated infections reported to NHSN. Our desired outcome would be that participants understand the purpose and approach for re-baselining and that they Understand factors used in the updated calculations for the standardized infection ratio (SIR). Subject matter experts will also provide an overview of how the new SIRs are shared with CMS for various CMS programs. There will also be an opportunity to ask subject matter experts questions during the live chat portion of the webinar.

### Learning Objectives:

- Discuss the history and approach of developing a new national baseline for measuring healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).
- Explain the structure and elements of the new HAI risk models.
- Review the use of the SIRs in relation to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) programs

Register Today: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/bukusltexl4t&eom>

## Participate in the HAI Program's Infection Control Assessments

Infection Control Assessments are available through the Louisiana Healthcare-Associated Infections Program. This opportunity allows an array of providers (acute care, long term care, and dialysis facilities) to ensure their infection control programs align with current CDC guidelines, and ensure effective responses to emerging infectious diseases.

This project was initiated after the Ebola outbreak of 2014-2015. The purpose is to reinforce infectious disease preparedness in healthcare facilities, and to identify gaps in infection control that should be addressed. Participation is confidential, and no discussion elements are shared with entities beyond the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section.

More information about the program is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/infection-control-assessment-tools.html>. Potential benefits of participating include preparation for Joint Commission and Health Standards Surveys. If you are interested in participating in this prevention program, contact Erica Washington at [Erica.Washington@LA.gov](mailto:Erica.Washington@LA.gov).

## External Validation Now Available

The HAI Program is conducting external validation on 2014 CAUTI and CLABSI numerator measures. The purpose is to determine if facilities responsible for conducting surveillance are following the NHSN protocols as outlined.

Participation includes a confidential meeting to review targeted and randomly selected medical records wherein pathogens that were cultured from blood specimens and urine specimens. Prior to the medical records review meeting, facilities are asked to share line lists of blood cultures and urine cultures identified in ICU locations with the HAI Program.

Sensitivity and Specificity statistics are calculated by the HAI Program to determine reviewer ability to correctly identify positive/negative HAI, respectively. Results are confidential. To participate, contact [Erica.Washington@LA.gov](mailto:Erica.Washington@LA.gov).

## Infection Prevention: Acadiana Health Coalition



*Pauline Breaux, coordinator of the Acadiana Health Coalition (AHC), addresses participants at their meeting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes. AHC addresses infection control and patient safety issues in the Region 4 area.*