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NHSN@cdc.gov

Record Attendance at NHSN Members Meeting in Denver

Approximately 450 people attended the NHSN member meeting at the APIC Annual Educational Conference in Denver on June 17.

Over the course of an hour, the following topics were covered:

1. Welcome and Introductions of DHQP Staff – T. Horan
2. Demographics of NHSN facilities and mandatory reporting – T. Horan
3. Update on PNICE Study – M. Pogorzelska, E. Larson
4. NHSN – software vendor collaborations – D. Pollock
5. What's new for NHSN – M. Andrus
6. NHSN Training – M. Dudeck
7. NHSN Report and other analyses – J. Edwards
8. Q & A – T. Horan

If you would like a copy of the slides, please email us at nhsn@cdc.gov

New Version of NHSN Coming Soon!

The next updated version of NHSN will be launched within the next few weeks. Look for the following enhancements and updates in the new version.

- *Context-sensitive Help Messages:* Look for the new Help icon on data entry screens which will guide you to information in the context of the action you are taking. For example, if you are entering a BSI and want information on central lines, clicking the Help icon will put you directly into the central line definition of the online manual. It will even show you where this information is located in the manual so you can find your way back there if needed.
- *New fields on forms:* Forms have been modified in the following ways:
 - *Specific event criteria* have been added to BSI, UTI, PNEU, SSI and Custom Event forms. Please view the archived training

webcast on this topic which will be available on the NHSN website soon for details.

- o *Location of device insertion* and *Date of device insertion* have been added to the BSI, UTI, and PNEU forms as optional fields. Use of these fields will help you better identify opportunities for improving device insertion practices.
- o *Implant: Yes/No; Transplant: Yes/No; if Yes, autologous or non-autologous.* These fields have been added to the Denominator for Procedure form. Definitions will be included in the Key Terms section of the next update to the NHSN Manual.

You can access the new forms at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/nhsn_PSforms.html.

- *Central Line Insertion Practices (CLIP)*: This process monitor is an option within the Device-associated Module. The protocol for CLIP is in the NHSN Manual. The forms are now available on the website http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/nhsn_CLIP_AdherenceMonitoring.html and the CLIP training webcast will be available from the same website soon.
- *High Risk Inpatient Influenza Vaccination (HRIIV)* Module. The protocol and forms are available at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/nhsn_HRIIV_Module.html. The training webcast for HRIIV is completed and will soon be available from the same website.
- *New facility types and surveys.* Up until this point, the only facility types available have been Acute Care Hospital and Outpatient Hemodialysis Center. The next version will include the following additional facility types and facility surveys:
 - Behavioral health hospital
 - Rehabilitation hospital
 - Long term acute care hospital (LTACH)
 - Ambulatory surgery centers
 - Long term care facilities

Additionally, the Facility Survey for Outpatient Dialysis Centers has been expanded.

NHSN Contact Information

CDC has eliminated the NHSN helpdesk telephone number (800-893-0485 option 1). We believe that receiving email as an initial contact will allow us to better assist NHSN users and track all NHSN inquiries; however, telephone support will still be available as needed. As part of the transition, callers to the helpdesk line will receive a voice recording asking them to send an email to nhsn@cdc.gov.

Inactive Users

Attention Facility and Group Administrators: If you have users in your facility or group who are no longer using the system, please set their status to "inactive" via the user screen. Of the 4342 active NHSN users, about 300 of them have not logged in at all in 2008. Instructions are included in the NHSN Online Manual ("Help").

Please Identify your Facility or Group by ID# When Requesting Assistance

Please include your 5-digit NHSN-assigned ID# when you contact NHSN for assistance. Providing this number can save the NHSN support staff valuable time in responding to your questions. Your ID# can be found at the very top of your NHSN Welcome Page (see example below).

Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network (ISD-CLFT-NHSN1)

Logged into DHQP MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (ID 10018) as MVA.
Facility DHQP MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (ID 10018) is following PS component.

Welcome to the NHSN Home Page.

Protocol Pointers

Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Procedures

If a patient has a chest incision and one or more donor site incisions, the procedure is coded as **CBGB**. If the entire procedure, including the harvesting of the donor vessel, is performed through the chest incision, the procedure is a **CBGC**. Do not report a CBGB *and* a CBGC for the same patient for the same trip to the OR.

Multiple Procedures

We need to clarify that, for the **Multiple Procedures** field on the *Denominator for Procedure* form, if more than one category of NHSN operative procedure found in Table 12 in the NHSN Manual, is done through the same incision during the same trip to the OR, then you should select Yes, otherwise, select No. This includes operative procedures that are both in and out of your Monthly Reporting Plan. Our original webcast training for Procedure-associated Events, we stated (incorrectly), that it should include only those procedures that were included in the Plan.

SHEA/CDC Course in Healthcare Epidemiology

Fall 2008

Seattle, WA

October 3-7, Hyatt Regency Bellevue

The SHEA/CDC Course in Healthcare Epidemiology provides training for infectious diseases fellows, healthcare epidemiologists, infection control professionals, quality improvement staff, public health officials and others interested in training and application of epidemiologic principles.

The course has been in existence for more than 10 years and consistently receives high ratings from attendees. It emphasizes hands-on exercises, practical materials, and case studies supplemented with lectures and seminars covering fundamental aspects of healthcare epidemiology, including:

- epidemiology and surveillance
- epidemic/cluster investigation
- transmission and control of nosocomial infections
- disinfection and sterilization
- employee health
- isolation systems

- regulatory compliance
- quality improvement
- patient safety

A limited number of scholarships are available through a competitive application process. For more information on the course, including the registration form, please go to: http://www.shea-online.org/about/shea_courses.cfm.

NHSN Statistics – July 24, 2008

Facilities reporting in NHSN	~ 1650
Users in NHSN	4808
Monthly Reporting Plans	21,609
Patients entered	729,368
Summary Data Records	47,521
Events	
BSI	26,230
PNEU	13,381
SSI	25,088
UTI	27,911
DE	13,197
Procedures	740,321
Facilities importing OR records	188
Output (Rates, graphs, etc.) generated	109,476