



Toward Elimination

Newsletter for State Partners in HAI Prevention

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EPI-X Forum Update

The Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI) Forum on EPI-X is a valuable resource that allows *all* members to share insight, experiences, and opinions on HAI issues. Members can ask questions, respond to fellow members, and post additional resources to share.

New EPI-X Forum Topic

Because some questions you might want to ask don't necessarily fit under an existing topic, DHQP has added a new subgroup to the forum, called **Got HAI Questions and Answers?** With more than 250 HAI Forum members and counting, we know the answers you are looking for are out there! Please use the new subgroup to post questions that don't fit under an existing topic and most important, please log on from time to time, meet someone new, and help out a fellow HAI colleague.

As a reminder, if you have questions regarding access to the EPI-X HAI Forum, please contact the EPI-X help desk directly at EpixHelp@cdc.gov or 877-438-3749. EPI-X staff are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.

Once you become an EPI-X Forum member, answers to questions about posting materials, adding replies, or adding topics to a subgroup can be found at the Forum's HELP link located at the top right of your home screen. This will provide you with a list of the most common "How To's" as developed by the EPI-X help desk.

Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI)				
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	NHSN State Users Sub Group (1 member) Resources developed by CDC and fellow health departments related to NHSN including: FAQs and tips.	Wendy Vance	23	698

State Highlight: Georgia

This month we are highlighting a progressive HAI prevention partnership. The Georgia Division of Public Health (DPH) is partnering with both the Georgia Medical Care Foundation (QIO) and the Georgia Healthcare Facility Regulatory Division to develop and host three, two-day courses on infection control for long-term care facility (LTCF) providers. Additionally, the Georgia DPH is partnering with the Georgia Medical Care Foundation to organize community infection prevention collaboratives across acute and long term care (LTC) settings. The first collaborative project will address *Clostridium difficile* and will be launched in NW Atlanta. Georgia was one of the first states to pilot the CDC LTC Baseline Prevention Practices Assessment Tool which evaluates the status of infection prevention and control efforts in LTC settings. This tool is currently available for broad use and is posted at http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/toolkits/LTC_Assessment_tool_final.pdf

For more information, please contact GA HAI coordinator Teresa Fox at tkfox@dhr.state.ga.us.



Georgia HAI Advisory Committee



ELC/EIP Grantee Calls

SSI Infection-Specific Call:
February 14, 1 PM-2 PM ET

Your PHAs will send the bridge line, password, and Webinar URL information for these calls.

Coming March 1:
CDC Vital Signs
Focuses on HAI Prevention