



2018 ELC HAI/AR Grantees' Meeting

Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to welcome you to the 2018 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) Healthcare-associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI/AR) Grantees' Meeting.

As ELC grant recipients, your work is critical to our shared mission to eliminate healthcare-associated infections, contain and reduce antimicrobial resistance, and improve healthcare safety and quality. Over the next three days, we will focus on topics that are at the heart of this mission, including:

- Detection, containment, and response of/to novel and targeted multi-drug resistant organisms (MDROs)
- Prevention of HAIs and MDRO transmission across healthcare settings
- Strengthening the relationship between laboratory and epidemiology

We have designed the meeting to promote discussion of barriers to effective implementation of HAI/AR programs and prevention activities, to identify and share best practices and solutions to those barriers, and to increase awareness of existing resources for prevention and response.

Enclosed, you'll find a detailed agenda as well as a few materials; additionally, many conference materials for your reference during and after the meeting are posted for your use on Base Camp this year. We have planned informative sessions, interactive activities, panel presentations, and facilitated discussions to encourage a collaborative atmosphere.

Throughout the meeting, we will use short surveys to help us better assess your needs. Your participation and honesty will deepen our understanding of effective ways to support you as you carry out your vital role in preventing and controlling HAI/AR. Also, if you have questions or concerns at any time throughout the meeting, please feel free to find a CDC staff member – we want to hear from you!

Thank you for all you do to prevent infections and protect patients. We would not be able to make progress without your hard work and achievements.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise M. Cardo".

Denise M. Cardo, MD
Director

