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HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS AND ANTIMICROBIAL-RESISTANT PATHOGENS

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Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) including antibiotic-resistant (AR) pathogens cause hundreds of thousands of illnesses and deaths among U.S. patients each year. Despite significant progress, patients still experience preventable harms in the context of outbreaks and other adverse events that stem from emerging infectious diseases with potential for healthcare transmission, unsafe healthcare practices, contaminated drugs, and medical devices.

Consistent and coordinated approaches to outbreak detection, response, investigation, and control are needed to speed up detection of new threats, reporting outbreaks to public health, developing tools to support outbreak investigation, stop outbreaks from spreading, and inform prevention activities. To address these needs, CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion has funded the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) to co-lead the Council for Outbreak Response: HAI/AR (CORHA).

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Mission

To improve practices and policies at the local, state and national levels for **detection, investigation, control and prevention of HAI/AR outbreaks** across the healthcare continuum, including emerging infections and other risks with potential for healthcare transmission.

Vision

Public health and healthcare collaborating effectively to protect patients and prevent harms from HAI/AR outbreaks.

Membership

CORHA is led by a Governance Committee with members from **ASTHO, CSTE, CDC, and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)**, with additional members representing the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America.



Organizational Structure



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The Council for Outbreak Response: Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (CORHA) is composed of several interacting components: The Governance committee, Additional Member Organizations, Federal Liaison Member Organizations, and Workgroups. Together, these entities constitute the Full Council, which functions as the main body of CORHA. The Governance committee functions as the leadership for CORHA, providing guidance and advocacy.

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STRATEGIES

The Council developed a Strategic Map and identified the following priorities: (1) creation of a sustainable Council model; (2) development of standardized approaches to outbreak detection and reporting; and (3) supporting consistent and coordinated approaches to outbreak investigation and control.

The Council will work to '**Build Capacity for Public Health and Healthcare to Improve Outbreak Detection, Response and Prevention.**' To advance these priorities, CORHA established the following workgroups:

- **The Detection and Reporting Workgroup** will identify standard definitions for outbreaks and adverse events as well as thresholds and best practices for outbreak detection and reporting.
- **The Investigation and Control Workgroup** will support consistent, coordinated and effective approaches to outbreak investigation and control including appropriate levels of response.





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HAI-AR Outbreak and Response Tracking System

What is this?

The following materials were developed to help health departments and large healthcare systems manage summary information related to investigations of possible HAI-AR outbreaks. The materials include a Database Shell (provided in the form of a downloadable Microsoft Access file) and Data Dictionary (which includes field definitions and screenshots from the database).

Why use these materials?

Maintaining an electronic database of HAI-AR investigations allows a health department or healthcare system to enumerate and describe their outbreak/response activities. This should facilitate information sharing and identification of strengths and gaps in reporting and investigative capacity, as well as help inform broader prevention efforts.

What types of HAI-AR Response events should be captured?

Consider recording all HAI-AR response activities in your tracking system. Response refers to efforts to assist with the assessment and investigation of specific, acute HAI-AR risks, which may take the form of (1) outbreaks, (2) clusters of infections, (3) sentinel cases (e.g., HAI or emerging AR threat of public health interest), or (4) a serious breach in infection control practice.

How were these materials developed?

This effort was organized to address CORHA Strategic Objective B-3: Improve Data Management for Outbreak Investigation and Tracking. A workgroup was formed consisting of CORHA representatives from national, state, and local public health agencies and partner organizations. See the Data Dictionary for more details.

Outbreak and Response
Tracking System

Database Shell

(Microsoft Access)

Outbreak and Response
Tracking System

Data Dictionary

(Microsoft Word)



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CDC/SHEA Outbreak Response Training Program (ORTP) Link: <http://ortp.shea-online.org/>

Upcoming Webinar: Beating the Media Crush (Link: <http://ortp.shea-online.org/webinars/webinar-beating-the-media-crush/>)

Recorded Webinar: Conflict Management (Link: <http://ortp.shea-online.org/webinars/webinar-conflict-management/>)

Recorded Webinar: Communicating During a Crisis (Link: <http://ortp.shea-online.org/webinars/webinar-communicating-during-a-crisis/>)

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1:30-3 p.m. EDT

[The Ripple Effect of Opioids on Child Welfare Webinar](#)

Nov 16, 2017
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[Meeting with Your Congressional Delegation at Home: 2017 Toolkit](#)

This toolkit provides ASTHO's members, alumni, and affiliates with information to educate and engage with congressional officials in their states during the upcoming August recess. ASTHO urges health officials to take advantage of this time to meet with their congressional delegations and discuss what public health means for their constituents.

[Scope of Practice Policy](#)

This website helps educate state policymakers about scope of practice issues related to nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dental hygienists, and dental therapists.

[ASTHO's Detailed Analysis of President Trump's FY18](#)

ASTHO 75th Anniversary Campaign

Highlighting State and Territorial Public Health Successes

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A yearly initiative of ASTHO to improve population health through the work of state public health agencies.

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