

Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistant Pathogens

Through a cooperative agreement with CDC, CSTE conducts various activities support state, local, tribal and territorial health agencies in the prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and antimicrobial resistant pathogens (AR).



Established the Council for Outbreak Response: Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antibiotic-Resistant Pathogens (CORHA), co-chaired by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and CSTE 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.



Influence surveillance standards for HAI programs in state, territorial, tribal, and local health agencies through position statements.



Developed the CDC/CSTE Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Taskforce to identify, develop, and put into practice scientific, technical, and policy solutions needed to strengthen AR surveillance in the United States.



Provide technical expertise to public health associations and federal agencies through member consultations.



Actively foster collaboration and information exchanges among members of the HAI Subcommittee. Various HAI workgroups maintain and provide technical resources for the HAI applied epidemiology workforce.



Improve the ability for public health to meaningfully monitor trends in HAI data, stakeholders' capacity to understand and utilize HAI data, and the ability of consumers to make informed choices regarding healthcare through the development of the HAI Data Analysis and Presentation Standardization Toolkit.



Development of the drug diversion workgroup to address current issues and possible solutions regarding a data driven public health response to drug diversion incidents.



Feature HAI and AR at the CSTE Annual Conference with a focused one-day HAI/AR workshop.



Establish and maintain diverse public health partnerships and improve collaboration between national organizations and agencies.



Create and administer national assessments to determine and address gaps and barriers in current HAI public health practice.

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HIGHLIGHTS



HAI Subcommittee members meet at the CSTE Annual Conference



Marion Kainer being honored by the White House as one of eight Champions of Change in Prevention and Public Health



The HAI Data Analysis and Presentation Standardization workgroup presents the Toolkit at CDC