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MDRO Management in Long Term Care Facilities Workshops

The Healthcare-Associated Infections Program presented three workshops on *Multi Drug-Resistant Organisms Management in Long Term Care Settings* on January 26, January 31, and February 7, 2017 in Metairie, Lafayette, and Ruston, respectively. Over 115 infection preventionists representing nursing homes, long term acute care, and acute care facilities were in attendance. Responses gathered from the evaluations will be used to plan future events and targeted training. Questions and answers from each workshop are detailed on page 3.

To participate in the Infection Control Assessment and Response activities for long term care facilities, contact Andrea.Salinas@LA.gov. Presentations and other content are available at the following URL: <http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2701>.



Left: Andrea Salinas presents on Antibiotic Stewardship in Long Term Care Settings in Metairie, LA on Thursday, January 26, 2017.

Left: Dr. Tina Stefanski, OPH Region 4 Medical Director, gives welcoming remarks on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Lafayette, LA.

Right: Benjamin Munley presents on Colonization versus Infection in Lafayette.





SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday,
March 15, 2017

1 p.m. ET/
12 p.m. CT



Live Webinar Rebroadcast: Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship: Why It Matters

To register for this webinar:

1. Go to our [webinar event page](#).
2. Click the button that says "Register."
3. On the registration form, enter your information and then click "Submit."

You will receive login instructions in an e-mail once you register.

Please note that this is a live rebroadcast of the program Quality Insights offered on February 9 which many were not able to attend due to a winter storm. If you were present on February 9, there is no need for you to join this program, as it will be an exact duplicate of what has already been presented.

This event will introduce health care providers in our five-state network to the new Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship project. We will address the important work that we're preparing for and go over the four core elements specific to outpatient antibiotic stewardship.

This free webinar is for any outpatient facility (such as emergency departments, urgent care centers, physician practices, outpatient clinics, ambulatory surgical centers and dialysis centers) that is interested in becoming a part of the Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship Learning and Action Network (LAN). Follow the instructions to the left to register today.

For more information about this event or about Quality Insights' collaborative work with outpatient health care facilities in our network, please contact [Eve Esslinger](#).



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MDRO Management in Long Term Care Facilities Workshops Questions & Answers

Questions and answers posed at each of the workshops have been compiled here for distribution:

Q-1: I have an employee who is consistently non-compliant with following guidelines pertaining to hand hygiene and personal protective equipment. What should I do?

A-1: Tie patient safety and infection prevention activities to their employee performance review. It is the responsibility of each employee to keep patients safe.

Q-2: What are some regulations that nursing homes will have to comply with in the future?

A-2: Updating the long-term care facility's infection prevention and control program, including requiring an infection prevention and control officer and an antibiotic stewardship program that includes antibiotic use protocols and a system to monitor antibiotic use. The regulations are included in Phase 3 and must be implemented by **November 28, 2019**. Some selected items pertaining to infection prevention and control from Phase 3 are as follows: 1) Antibiotic stewardship; 2) Infection preventionist; 3) Infection prevention participation on QAA Committee.

- Citation: [CMS finalizes improvements in care, safety, and consumer protections for long-term care facility residents](#)
- Citation: [Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

CAUTI Prevention Success Story

Christus St. Frances Medical Center has greatly improved its catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) prevention performance in intensive care unit (ICU) locations. Christus St. Frances Medical Center has authorized the disclosure of these data for the purposes of infection improvement in Louisiana. Contact Jill.Stokes@christushealth.org for more information.

<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Intervention</u>	<u>Improvement</u>
April 2014 – April 2015	Emergency Department “Medical Necessity Monitoring” (MNM) of Foley catheterization was implemented; nurses and physicians were educated.	76% decrease in Foley utilization due to MNM
December 2015	Implemented nurse-driven Foley removal protocol; nurses documented Foley medical necessity daily in electronic charting.	33% decrease in Foley utilization house-wide
January 2016 – March 2016	Acquired “CAUTI Champions” for each unit willing to dedicate time to the program. This required all nurses to attend a training and skills check-off in the simulation laboratory wherein champions were utilized for the skills auditing.	Achieved zero CAUTI in the acute care setting for 228 days
August 2016 – September 2016	Experienced three (3) CAUTIs in one unit. It was determined that the unit had new staff that had not received the intense training. Additionally, the CAUTI Champion for the unit left.	Ongoing process improvement

APIC Chapter News

Greater New Orleans

- The next APIC of Greater New Orleans meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Ochsner Kenner Medical Center. Complete details are at www.apicgno.org.

River Region

- The next quarterly meeting will be held Friday, April 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Abacus in Lafayette. To register, contact connie.deleo@brgeneral.org.

Participate in the HAI Program's Infection Control Assessments

Infection Control Assessments are available through the Louisiana Healthcare-Associated Infections Program. This opportunity allows an array of providers (acute care, long term care, and dialysis facilities) to ensure their infection control programs align with current CDC guidelines, and ensure effective responses to emerging infectious diseases. This project was initiated after the Ebola outbreak of 2014-2015. The purpose is to reinforce infectious disease preparedness in healthcare facilities, and to identify gaps in infection control that should be addressed. Participation is confidential, and no discussion elements are shared with entities beyond the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section.

More information about the program is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/infection-control-assessment-tools.html>. Potential benefits of participating include preparation for Joint Commission and Health Standards Surveys. If you are interested in participating in this prevention program, contact Andrea Salinas at Andrea.Salinas@LA.gov.

External Validation Available

The HAI Program is conducting external validation on 2015 CAUTI and CLABSI numerator measures. The purpose is to determine if facilities responsible for conducting surveillance are following the NHSN protocols as outlined. Prior to the medical records review meeting, facilities are asked to share line lists of blood cultures and urine cultures identified in ICU locations with the HAI Program. Sensitivity and Specificity statistics are calculated by the HAI Program to determine reviewer ability to correctly identify positive/negative HAI, respectively. Results are confidential and are not shared with any entity outside of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section of the Louisiana Office of Public Health. To participate, contact Erica.Washington@LA.gov.

Upcoming HAI Workshops

Introduction to Infection Prevention, Epidemiology, and NHSN Definitions Two-Day Workshops Registration

These workshops target nurses, pharmacists, laboratory personnel, physicians and other infection control preventionists employed by healthcare settings throughout the state who have roles in infection surveillance and reporting. This two-day training is free of charge, but each day must be registered for because of seating limitations at each location and for handout preparation. To register, visit <http://ldh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/2643>.

The dates and locations are as follows:

- **10 slots left** -- March 22-23, 2017: East Bank Regional Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie
- **Full** -- April 5-6, 2017: Lafayette General Whitney Bank Building, 201 Audubon Boulevard, Lafayette
- April 19-20, 2017: Willis-Knighton Bossier Health Center, 2400 Hospital Drive, Bossier City