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## Annual Louisiana Roundup at #APIC2017!



Attention attendees of the 2017 Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) annual conference! **Join your fellow Louisiana infection prevention colleagues for a meetup and photo at the GOJO booth in the exhibit hall at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017.** Complete conference details are available at <http://ac2017.site.apic.org/>. See you in Portland!

## Two Day Healthcare-Associated Infections/NHSN Workshops

The Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section of the Louisiana Office of Public Health hosted two day workshops on infection control, emerging infectious disease topics, and intensive training on National Healthcare Safety Network surveillance. Over 130 attendees participated in these workshops, which were held March 22-23, April 5-6, and April 19-20 in Metairie, Lafayette, and Bossier City, respectively. Training videos and presentations are currently being uploaded to the HAI/AR website. A notice will be sent to infection preventionists once upload is completed.

**Photos left to right:** Andrea Salinas discusses central line-associated bloodstream infections in Bossier City; Benjamin Munley reviews surgical site infections in Metairie; Dr. Raoult Ratard provides an infection prevention program overview in Metairie; and Julius Tonzel details Zika surveillance in Lafayette.



The Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antibiotic Resistance Program allows Louisiana to create a collaborative effort to prevent healthcare associated infections and antibiotic resistant threats. Visit [www.lah.gov/hai](http://www.lah.gov/hai) to access the HAI/AR Resource Center.

## APIC Chapter News

### Greater New Orleans

The next APIC of Greater New Orleans meeting will be held Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Ochsner Kenner Medical Center. Complete details are at [www.apicgno.org](http://www.apicgno.org).

### River Region

The chapter retreat will be held Friday, July 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Abacus in Lafayette. The charge for attendance is \$26.00, and pre-payment is required. Members and visitors are welcome. To register, contact [connie.deleo@brgeneral.org](mailto:connie.deleo@brgeneral.org).

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*ICAR: Infection Control Assessment and Response Activities, see page 3 for details.*

## Register for the Next HAI/AR Learninc Webinar

Erica Washington will present a webinar titled “Meaningful Use and the NHSN Antibiotic Use/Resistance Module” on **Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** Only 50 participant slots are available for the live airing. To register, contact [Rosemarie.Robertson@LA.gov](mailto:Rosemarie.Robertson@LA.gov). A recording will be posted to the Learninc archives after the webcast, and slides from the presentation will be distributed.

### About this webinar:

Meaningful Use (MU) is organized through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). MU is a term that refers to using certified electronic health record technology to improve quality, engage patients and families, improve care coordination and public health, and maintain privacy and health information. The Antibiotic Use/Resistance (AUR) portion of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) is eligible for MU Stage 3 incentivized payments. The AUR is the only portion of NHSN eligible for any stage of MU. This webinar seeks to answer questions NHSN acute care hospital reporters may have regarding onboarding the AUR and registering intent to report for MU3.

### Outline:

- About the Antibiotic Use/Resistance Portion of NHSN
- Meaningful Use Stage 3
- HITECH
- NHSN information technology infrastructure
- Testing and reporting

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Erica.Washington@LA.gov).

## Get Certified in Infection Control

The Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC) was established by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) in 1981. CBIC is an affiliate of APIC and is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Certification in Infection Control (CIC) reaffirms that through study and hard work, certificants attain an internationally recognized level of knowledge in the infection prevention and control field. By being a CIC, you're supporting future knowledge and skills, enhancing professional credibility, and furthering the practice of infection control. Exam eligibility, preparation materials, and other resources are available at <https://www.cbic.org/>.

