

NOTES FROM MONTHLY SHARP NHSN USERS' CONFERENCE CALL

November 30, 2011

Thank you to those who were able to join our monthly NHSN users' conference call. If you were unable to participate on this call, we hope that you will be able to participate next month. Any healthcare facility is welcome to participate in these calls, whether they are sharing NHSN data with us or not. These conference calls are voluntary. Registration and name/facility identification are **not** required to participate.

Our monthly conference calls will be held on the 4th Wednesday each month at 10:00 a.m. Please note our next call is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 28th at 10:00 a.m.**

Call-in phone number: 877-336-1831

Passcode: 9103755

Webinar: <http://breeze.mdch.train.org/mdchsharp/> (if doing a webinar)

Suggestions for agenda items and discussion during the conference calls are always welcome! Please contact Judy at weberj4@michigan.gov to add items to the agenda.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NOVEMBER CONFERENCE CALL

Judy welcomed those on the conference call and reminded participants that notes from previous conference calls will be posted on the MDCH SHARP website at www.michigan.gov/hai. Notes from our most recent call will be posted on the home page, and past conference call notes will be posted under the box entitled "NHSN Information & SHARP Trainings and Conferences". Documents posted on the meeting room website pertain to items discussed during this conference call and will remain there for a period of time in order for hospitals to download.

Updates on Quarterly, Semi-Annual & Individual Reports

Allison announced that the Quarterly Report for April – June 2011 has now been posted on the state HAI website and that the Semi-Annual Report (October 2010 – March 2011) will be posted in the very near future. Individual hospital reports for the time period of October 2010 through March 2011 are also expected to be finalized and sent out to individual facilities within the next week or so. Any questions or comments regarding these reports can be directed to Allison at 517-335-8199 or gibsona4@michigan.gov.

CDC Training

Judy announced that she and Allison will be attending the CAUTI and SSI training that will be conducted at CDC on December 5 and 6 in Atlanta. They will bring back materials from the training and discuss any new items during the December conference call. Hospitals who have NHSN questions that they would like answered by CDC should contact either Judy or

Allison no later than Friday, December 2nd and they will try to obtain responses from CDC at the training session.

Reporting Zero Events

Under the new 6.5 version of NHSN, facilities can now report “zero” events for CLABSIs, CAUTIs, and VAPs. To indicate that zero events have been reported for a given month, check mark the box next to denominator data for central line days, urinary catheter days, and/or ventilator days under ‘Summary Data’ on the navigation bar of the Home Page. However, if your facility **DID HAVE** events of the type indicated, do not “check” these boxes. Counts of events reported will be reflected when a line-listing of events are individually pulled up under the “Analysis” function on the navigation bar. Note that reporting of zero events will become a **mandatory requirement** of NHSN beginning **January 1, 2012**. Guidance regarding reporting “zero events” can be found in the NHSN Resource Library at the back of the document entitled “NHSN Alerts”.

NHSN Operational Alerts

Judy reported that operational alerts are another new feature of the latest version of NHSN. When a facility logs into NHSN, a tabbed screen will appear indicating “incomplete” or “missing” data. Facilities can update missing data by clicking on the “Event #” and completing the red starred boxes. The “NHSN Alerts” document found in the Resource Library on the NHSN website provides additional guidance regarding these alerts.

Judy also mentioned that MDCH SHARP as a Group Administrator can now send emails to participating hospitals via NHSN. This will be a handy feature for the SHARP Unit to use to notify hospitals.

Calculating Patient Admissions / Patient Days

Patient admissions and patients days should be counted the same time each day if your facility is manually obtaining these counts. Some hospitals get these numbers from their finance/accounting office. If the latter is the case, you may want to ask how they are obtaining their counts. You may also want to compare your manual counts for one month with numbers that you receive from finance/accounting. These numbers should be within 5% of each other to be considered consistent with each other. A guidance document for calculating patient admissions can be found in the Resource Library of NHSN. The heading on the document is “Determining Patient Days for Summary Data Collection: Observation vs. Inpatients”. This document will also assist facilities with determining whether “observation patients” should be included in their counts.

CMS Reporting Requirements

In addition to continuing to report CLABSI events, acute care hospitals will be required to report CAUTI events from adult and pediatric ICUs beginning January 2012. Acute care hospitals will also be required to report SSIs from abdominal hysterectomies and colon surgeries starting January 2012. Remember to add SSIs and CAUTIs to your Monthly Reporting Plans and if you wish to share these new data with the SHARP Unit, you may need to change your “conferred rights” if you previously opted out of sharing this data with us.

Changes to your Conferred Rights can be made by clicking on “Group” on the NHSN navigation bar, and then go to “Conferred Rights”. In the form that comes up, highlight “MDCH_SHARP, and hit “Confer Rights” which will bring you to the SHARP template of conferred rights. You can now make any appropriate changes and then hit the “Save” button at the bottom of the screen. Questions regarding this can be directed to Judy at 517-335-8331, or at weberj4@michigan.gov.

Long-term acute care hospitals will be required to report CLABSI and CAUTI events beginning October 2012. Inpatient Rehab facilities will also be required to report CAUTIs beginning October 2012.

CDC sends Data to CMS

Judy reminded reporting hospitals that CDC is the agency who sends NHSN data to CMS. MDCH SHARP does not do this. SHARP staff will try to remind hospitals when facility data are due to be entered into NHSN to make sure that facilities are meeting CMS reporting requirements. The next due date for entering CLABSI data into NHSN for the time period of July – September 2011 is February 15, 2012. It is best to keep up with entering all NHSN data to ensure that you are always in compliance and you don’t get back-logged.

NHSN Release 6.6

CDC has sent out a notice that a new version of NHSN (6.6) will be released in late January 2012, or early February. These changes will be discussed during a future conference call.

Demonstration of CAUTI Module

CAUTI is one of the options within the Device-Associated Module. Judy and Allison demonstrated online how to enter a CAUTI event into NHSN. Instructions for using the CAUTI module can also be found on the NHSN website at www.cdc.gov/nhsn/psc_da.html. It is important to read through the CAUTI instructions and to use the definitions and algorithms for determining what is considered a symptomatic urinary tract infection (SUTI) vs what is considered an asymptomatic bacteremic UTI (ABUTI). There is also a new CAUTI training module with slides on the above NHSN website which provides additional detail about use of this module.

Questions from Audience

SHARP staff took a few questions from the audience about CAUTIs and SSIs. They will attempt to get some of these questions answered while at the training sessions next week in Atlanta.

Changes to Facility Information

Hospitals were reminded that if the name and/or email address of their Facility Administrator changes that they should remember to make corrections under “Facility” & “Facility Information” on the navigation bar of the NHSN Home Page.

Suggested Topics for Future Conference Calls

Judy reminded hospitals that they are welcome to suggest topics for discussion or training for future conference calls. Please call or email Judy with these suggestions.

Next Conference Call

The next conference call will be held on Wednesday, December 28th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Check our website at www.michigan.gov/hai for a meeting agenda and call-in information.