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Invitation to Participate with SHARP to Reduce HAIs

Join the Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated and Resistant Pathogens (SHARP) Unit in surveillance and prevention initiatives to reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in Michigan. Enroll your hospital in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to conduct infection surveillance in your hospital and share your data with us!

Top 5 reasons to participate in the SHARP Unit's Surveillance Initiative:

- #5- Allows your facility the opportunity to **participate in a statewide initiative** which furthers Michigan's understanding of current trends, allowing SHARP to be more effective at targeting and preventing HAIs. It is also a wonderful contribution your facility can make to public health and the community.
- #4- Provides you with the ability to monitor your facility's HAI trends and the effects of facility-level prevention efforts, along with the **ability to compare** your data to national and state baselines, standardized through NHSN.
- #3- Places your facility in **compliance with the Joint Commission's** National Patient Safety Goals, specifically NPSG #07.03.01.
- #2- Ensures **preference for Michigan-based NHSN training opportunities**. Familiarity with NHSN may lead to increased reimbursement through the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Service's (CMS) Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS). A recent rule requires NSHN reporting of Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSIs) in ICUs and Neonatal ICUs.
- #1- Provides financial incentive for the first 50 hospitals that join SHARP's surveillance initiative by signing a MDCH SHARP Data Use Agreement (DUA) and conferring rights to your facility's data within NHSN. The first 30 hospitals that join before October 1, 2010, will receive a **\$1,000 professional development fund** to support the Infection Preventionist in his or her surveillance efforts. The next 20 hospitals that join by October 1, 2011, will receive ~~\$400~~ in professional development funds.

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Please visit the MDCH SHARP website at www.michigan.gov/hai, or direct any questions you may have to the SHARP Unit at 517-335-8165. We look forward to participating with you to reduce HAIs in Michigan!



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