

## Notes from July 27, 2011 Monthly Conference Call with the SHARP Unit

This was the first conference call that SHARP staff has held with healthcare facilities regarding NHSN. Any healthcare facility using NHSN, or anticipating using it, is welcome to participate in these calls. Registration and name/facility identification are not required to participate.

The calls will be held every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at **10:00 a.m.** **The next call is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2011.** The call-in number will remain the same for each call: 877-336-1831, and the passcode is 9103755.

### **Highlights from Today's Call**

- Jennie Finks introduced new staff in the SHARP Unit. Members of the Unit now include the following:
  - **Jennie Finks**, DVM -- Unit Manager & Antimicrobial Epidemiologist, [finksj@michigan.gov](mailto:finksj@michigan.gov)
  - **Jen Beggs**, MPH – CD Epidemiologist, [beggsj@michigan.gov](mailto:beggsj@michigan.gov)
  - **Gail Denkins**, RN – Prevention Initiative Coordinator (new), [denking@michigan.gov](mailto:denking@michigan.gov)
  - **Allison Gibson**, MPH – NHSN Epidemiologist (new), [gibsona4@michigan.gov](mailto:gibsona4@michigan.gov)
  - **Judy Weber**, MPH – Healthcare Liaison, [weberj4@michigan.gov](mailto:weberj4@michigan.gov)

All SHARP staff can be reached from the general office number at 517-335-8165.

**IMPT COMMENT from Russ Olmsted:** Recommendation is that IPs who have enrolled their facilities in NHSN AND plan on reporting CLABSI data to CMS beginning in January 2012 should verify that the agreement to do so has been filed with and entered by NHSN personnel. IPs can verify this by checking with their colleague at their facility who regularly communicates with MPRO on CMS requirements. Their contact at MPRO can check CMS's information system to see if their hospital's agreement has been entered correctly. The deadline for processing of these agreements is August 15.

**IMPT NOTE in conjunction with comment from Russ above:** Hospitals should check to make sure that their CMS certification number (CCN) is listed within their NHSN database. This can be checked by looking under “Facility” on the NHSN navigation bar, and then under “Facility Info”. The form that appears should contain the CMS CCN number. If not, it should be added. The number can be obtained from your hospital's administration or business office if the NHSN Administrator does not have it. CMS cannot link your hospital's data from CDC/NHSN unless this CCN number is on this facility information form. This number must be on the form prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> when CDC releases hospital NHSN CLABSI data to CMS.

- If you belong to the MDCH-SHARP Group on NHSN, and if you have not already done so, please take action on the new “Conferred Rights” template, found under “Group” and “Confer Rights” on the blue navigation bar of the NHSN Home Page. Make sure that you also highlight the MDCH\_SHARP Group before taking action to confer rights. The “Confer Rights” process changed with the 6.4 version of NHSN which was released on June 6. The Group Administrator (MDCH\_SHARP) now establishes the template of data it would like to receive from participating facilities. All current participants in the MDCH\_SHARP Group must re-confer their rights to the SHARP Unit. By accepting the template as is, you are agreeing to share data listed on the template with SHARP. Note, however, that you are not required to participate in all the modules indicated on the template. The choice of modules that each facility uses is still their decision. By clicking on the “NA” box at the right of each module, you are indicating that you do not either use this module, **OR** that you do not want to share this particular data with SHARP. We recommend that facilities accept the template without modification which will allow SHARP to see data in any future module(s) that your facility may decide to use.
  
- Reminder to all facilities using NHSN that you need to complete the **2010** Annual Facility Survey on NHSN – a CDC/NHSN requirement.
  
- Reminder that any locations named and used by your facility should be categorized according to the CDC Location Labels and Descriptions, found in chapter 15 of the Patient Safety Manual on the NHSN website at [www.cdc.gov/nhsn](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn) (and associated links), or located under the “Help Button” which is located at the top of the page after you have logged into NHSN. To add, edit, deactivate or delete a location, go to “Facility”, and then “Location” on the navigation bar. Follow the instructions provided. If additional assistance is needed, please call Judy in the SHARP Unit.
  
- CDC has sent an email reminder (dated July 14, 2011) that summary/denominator data has been missing from reports of data from some facilities using NHSN. This is a reminder to include this data in your monthly data reports. Denominators can be added under “Summary Data”, using the “add” option on the navigation bar of the Home Page. In the drop down list of “Summary Data Types”, pull up the correct type for the location that you are monitoring – i.e. “Device-Associated Intensive Care Unit/Other Locations” for adding CLABSI, VAP, and CAUTI patients days for the device-associated denominators. When adding denominator data for the MDRO module, use the “MDRO Prevention Process and Outcome Measures Monthly Monitoring Form (MDRO)” to add **total patient days AND admissions** for inpatient locations, and add patient **encounters** for the ED and outpatient locations you are monitoring. Watch for the red stars to indicate “mandatory information needed”. Denominator data is required by both CDC and the SHARP Unit to calculate rates of infection.

- The SHARP Unit is working with their legal counsel to finalize an addendum to the MDCH SHARP Data Use Agreement that has been signed by all facilities sharing their NHSN data with SHARP. The addendum will allow the SHARP Unit to share specific NHSN data with MHA, MPRO and others. We are currently awaiting final language in this addendum after which the addendum will be sent to all current and new participating facilities to sign or decline. This addendum will not affect participation in the MDCH\_SHARP Group under the original Data Use Agreement that was signed.
- Note that we will be updating the last page of our MDCH SHARP Data Use Agreement (DUA) to show the signature of our **new** Director (Olga Dazzo). If your agency signed the MDCH SHARP DUA **after** January 2011, your DUA is still legal with the signature of our former Director Janet Olszewski. Any new facilities signing the DUA from August 1, 2011 forward will have the signature of our new Director, Olga Dazzo.
- Note the deadline date for entering CLABSI data into NHSN for the first quarter of 2011 (January, February & March) for all intensive care units at your hospital. **This deadline date is August 15<sup>th</sup>** – four and 1/2 months after the end of the first quarter period. This is a mandate from CMS in order to receive Medicare reimbursement in 2013. The deadline date for 2nd quarter (April – June) CLABSI data is presumed to be November 15, 2011.
- Beginning with January 2, 2012 discharges from your facility, CMS will be requiring that SSI's (namely colon surgery and abdominal hysterectomy infections) be reported on NHSN using the SSI module. This is a CMS mandate for Medicare reimbursement in 2014.
- Reminder to periodically check the SHARP HAI website at [www.michigan.gov/nhsn](http://www.michigan.gov/nhsn) for updates, conference announcements, SHARP contact information, NHSN reports, IP resources, etc. We will also post notes from these conference calls on this website.
- Reminder that if you are having problems using NHSN, you may want to go back to the CDC/NHSN website to review their trainings, guidance manuals and communications – [www.cdc.gov/nhsn](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn) and associated links. Reminder to also pay attention to CDC/NHSN emails regarding NHSN updates, changes, and required actions on your part.
- Reminder that your Monthly Reporting Plans (MRPs) should be consistent with the modules and locations you are using for surveillance. If your Monthly Reporting Plans do not include the specific modules and locations you are actually using in NHSN, those modules or locations **not listed in the MRP** will not be counted at CDC.

- The SHARP Unit continues to accept hospitals (and later other types of facilities) who wish to share their data with us. If you are interested in sharing your NHSN data with SHARP, please contact Judy Weber at 517-335-8331 or at [weberj4@michigan.gov](mailto:weberj4@michigan.gov). We currently have 49 hospitals in Michigan who have signed a Data Use Agreement with us.
- Additional Announcement: The SHARP Unit will be co-sponsoring a one-day symposium on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, in conjunction with MHA Keystone Center for Patient Safety, and MPRO. The symposium entitled “Infection Prevention: A Community Effort” will focus on current educational tools and best practices to increase community awareness and prevention of healthcare-associated and antimicrobial-resistant infections. Registration materials will be distributed in the near future.

### **Questions from Participants**

- What are the specific colon surgeries that must be reported on NHSN beginning with January 2, 2012 hospital discharges? [I have contacted CDC and was told that a final list of the specific SSIs to be reported will be announced on Monday, August 1. We will place this list on our website after we receive it.](#)
- Can either infection surveillance or labID events be used to report MDROs? Yes, either can be used for reporting. [The SHARP Unit was initially requesting that hospitals use the labID event for reporting but one or both options can be used. This decision is left up to the hospital. CMS has no requirements currently for reporting MDROs.](#)

### **Suggestions for Future Calls**

- Webinar demonstrations showing how to enter data into NHSN and maneuver within the system
- Information about computer systems that can interchange data with NHSN
- Webinar showing demonstration of data analysis in NHSN

Thank you for your participation in this conference call. We always welcome any suggestions and comments that you might have for future calls.