



# INDIANA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION NEWSLETTER

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Infection Initiative  
Newsletter  
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## Initiative Welcome

Welcome to the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community, and the Initiative Collaborative Team are very excited about this Initiative and look forward to working with you over the next year as we strive to prevent healthcare associated infections.

The ISDH is pleased to announce that there will be approximately 200 health care facilities, agencies, and centers participating in the initiative. When the ISDH received the grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the CDC state plan template called for a prevention initiative with the participation of ten (10) hospitals with a potential of twenty (20) additional hospitals. The plan template suggested future initiatives for long term care facilities.

Indiana has a successful history of large quality improvement initiatives. The initial Indiana Pressure Ulcer Initiative included 163 participating facilities and agencies with the second phase adding an additional 80 participants. When developing the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative, the ISDH and its collaborating partners felt strongly that this initiative should include multiple provider types in order to include care coordination and transition issues related to infections.

The initial Indiana Plan for the Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections called for the participation of eighty participants from hospitals, nursing homes, and home health agencies. The ISDH requested applications for participation to be submitted by May 14. The ISDH received 191 applications. The ISDH, University of Indianapolis, and Initiative Collaborative Team reviewed resources to determine our ability to expand the initiative to include all applicants. The decision was to expand the initiative to include all applicants. The ISDH supplemented CDC funding with state quality improvement funding to accomplish this goal.

As of July 2, 2010, participating in the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative will be:

- 3 ambulatory surgery centers
- 3 dialysis centers
- 13 home health or hospice
- 45 hospitals
- 134 nursing homes

For over a year the ISDH and University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community along with our collaborative partners have been working to develop the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative. We are thrilled with the interest in the initiative and excited to see the activities begin. We look forward to working with you throughout this initiative as Indiana strives to prevent healthcare associated infections.

## Initiative Updates

### Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference Review

On March 2, 2010, the Indiana State Department of Health held its seventh Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference. The topic of the one-day conference was healthcare associated infections. The conference was intended to announce the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative and provide background information on the topic. The conference was attended by representatives from hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, health care organizations, and state health facility surveyors.

The total number of registrants was 1294 which was the largest registration yet for the leadership conferences. The number of participating facilities and agencies were:

- 338 nursing homes
- 49 hospitals
- 13 home health agencies
- 58 associations, organizations, or agencies

### Initiative Newsletter

Throughout the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative, the ISDH and University of Indianapolis will be providing information and updates related to the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative through this Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Newsletter. The newsletter is available to everyone at no cost to subscribers.

The current subscription list includes the primary contacts of the provider that were provided in the application. The ISDH and University of Indianapolis particularly encourages all members of the facility's or agency's initiative team to subscribe to the newsletter. We also encourage all staff in participating facilities and agencies to subscribe so that they are aware of the initiative and its activities.

If you received this newsletter directly from the ISDH, you are already subscribed and do not need to do anything further to continue receiving the the initiative newsletters. For others who wish to subscribe, to this newsletter or other ISDH newsletter, go to <http://www.in.gov/isdh/24526.htm> and fill in the subscription form and check the healthcare associated infection newsletter box.

### Event Registration

Registration information for initiative events will likely be sent directly by the University of Indianapolis. The University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community is serving as the Project Coordinator for this Initiative. The University will be organizing and facilitating events such as webinars, NHSN training sessions, and initiative learning sessions. Please continue to look for registration and meeting information coming from the University of Indianapolis.

### Appointment of HAI Epidemiologist

The ISDH Epidemiology Resource Center, Surveillance and Investigation Division, is very pleased to announce that Shathabish Kariyanna, M.D. has accepted the position of Healthcare Associated Infections Epidemiologist. He will begin the position on July 26, 2010. Dr. Kariyanna has a medical degree from Bangalore Medical College in India and a Masters of Public Health from Indiana University School of Medicine. He will be located with the ISDH Health Care Quality and Regulatory Commission. The Commission is directing the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative. Dr. Kariyanna will work with Commission staff, the Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative Collaborative Team, and the Epidemiology Resource Center to reduce the rate of healthcare associated infections in Indiana.

## Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Resource Center

In 2009, the ISDH developed a Web site for information and resources related to healthcare associated infections and the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative. The Indiana Healthcare Associated Infections Resource Center is located on the ISDH Web site at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/24769.htm>.

## Indiana Plan for the Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections

As part of its healthcare associated infection initiative, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed a template state plan for the prevention of infections. As part of its grant program, CDC required states to develop a state plan. Indiana completed an initial Indiana Plan for the Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections in December 2009. The Plan will be updated periodically to reflect update ongoing activities. The Indiana Plan was revised on May 14, 2010. The latest version of the Indiana Plan can be found on the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Resource Center at [http://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Indiana\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Indiana_Plan.pdf).

## Initiative Planning

### NHSN Contacts

If your facility or agency has not identified your National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) contact and backup, please send to Lidia Dubicki, University of Indianapolis, at [ldubicki@uindy.edu](mailto:ldubicki@uindy.edu). The Initiative will be using those contacts for coordinating NHSN activities.

### NHSN Webinar Training

Please look for information from the University of Indianapolis on the second National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) webinar training. The first training session concluded this week. There will be a total of four content training sessions offered via webinar.

Each week the same content will be offered on three days and times to accommodate schedules and shift changes. You will receive an invitation to each session, which contains a "join" link that is specific to that day and time. The content is identical in all 3 days and times, you only need attend one webinar session during the week. At the end of the week you will receive the invitations for the following week.

### Knowledge Questionnaire

In the next couple of weeks, we will send out a Healthcare Associated Infection Knowledge Questionnaire. This is a twenty question test on infection control. The test is a good way to assess staff's knowledge of basic infection prevention. Having staff complete the test significantly increases infection prevention awareness and therefore serves as a good promotion for the Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative. If the entire facility or agency is participating in the Initiative, all staff should complete the questionnaire. If only a few units are participating, only staff from those units would complete the questionnaire. The Collaborative Team will compile and review the Knowledge Questionnaires to identify and focus Initiative content and resources.

### Self-Assessment

Also in the next couple of weeks, we will send out a Healthcare Associated Infection Self-Assessment Worksheet. One Worksheet should be completed per participating facility or agency. The Collaborative Team recommends that the participating facility's or agency's primary contact submit the Worksheet for the facility or agency. The completed Worksheet should represent the overall perception of the facility or agency towards infection prevention. The Collaborative Team will compile and review the Self-Assessment Worksheet to plan Initiative resources and activities.

## Resources

## First CDC Report on CLABSI Data

In May, CDC published the *First State-Specific HAI-Summary Data Report*. The report is the first in a series and represents the first time CDC has re-reported state-specific infection information. This initial report includes both national central line-associated blood-stream infection (CLABSI) data and state-specific data for states mandated by state law to report CLABSIs. Ideally, future reports will include other infection types and data from all states. The report can be viewed at the following link:  
[http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/stateplans/SIR\\_05\\_25\\_2010.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/stateplans/SIR_05_25_2010.pdf).

## Summary of Action Items for Participants

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**SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSLETTER:** Encourage all team members and staff to sign up for the Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Newsletter. To subscribe to this newsletter go to <http://www.in.gov/isdh/24526.htm> and fill in the subscription form and check the healthcare associated infection newsletter box.

**NHSN WEBINAR TRAINING:** The NHSN Webinar Training Sessions continue for the next three weeks. Make sure that your two NHSN contacts participate in the training.

## Coming Events

July 2010	Four NHSN Webinar training sessions for participant's NHSN staff
August 2010	Participating facilities and agencies conduct self-assessment
August 2010	Participating facilities and agencies conduct staff knowledge questionnaires
August 2010	Regional in-person NHSN training sessions for participant's NHSN staff
October 18-24	International Infection Prevention Week Participants conduct facility-wide kickoff to Prevention Initiative
October 21 - November 5	In-person Initiative Learning and Discussion Sessions conducted in seven regional locations for participant's initiative team

Thank you for your interest in preventing healthcare associated infections. We look forward to collaborating with you on healthcare quality.

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