

## State of California—Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health



## Center for Health Care Quality Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program

## HAI Data Validation for Acute Care Hospitals to Improve HAI Surveillance FAQ's

- **Q:** I missed the validation training on June 17 is there a recording or another Webinar?
- A: You can access the recording under the tools and resources section. There are no additional training sessions but, you can attend office hour session on July 31, 12-1Ppm. See office hour zoom flyer via the <a href="Data Validation webpage">Data Validation webpage</a> (www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ACH\_Internal\_Data\_Validation.aspx
- Q: Where can I find the Validation Workbook? And when will it be available?
- A: The Validation Workbook is listed under tools and resources. You can access it any time after July 01, 2024.
- Q: How often does CDPH perform these validations?
- **A:** Data validation is a key component of a quality HAI surveillance program which is why CDPH provides periodic (annual) data validation support to acute care hospitals.
- Q: Is the HAI Validation Program different or separate from CALHEART?
- A: The purpose of CALHEART is to validate the data in NHSN and identify outliers whereas this validation project is to help hospitals assess completeness of surveillance and reporting (HAI casefinding for CDI, CLABSI, MRSA/VRE bloodstream infections and SSIs).
- Q: When is the deadline for submitting the validation results to the online survey tool?
- A: The deadline is September 13, 2024 for completing the validation and submitting the results. The link to the online survey tool for submitting results (REDCap) is located under the tools and resources section.
- Q: When will external validation begin and which facilities will be selected to participate?
- A: External validation will begin September 16, 2024, and will include CLABSI, all LabID events (MRSA/VRE BSI and CDI) SSI for 3 surgical procedures (COLO, CSEC, HYST). Hospitals that did not participate in 2022 or 2023 will be contacted in August 2024.

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