

NOTES FROM MONTHLY SHARP NHSN USERS' CONFERENCE CALL

October 26, 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 that because of the Thanksgiving holiday, our next call is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 30th at 10:00 a.m.**

Call-in number: 877-336-1831

Passcode: 9103755

Webinar: <http://breeze.mdch.train.org/mdchsharp/>

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 OCTOBER 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".

Updates on Quarterly, Semi-Annual & Individual Reports

Allison indicated that the aggregate quarterly and semi-annual reports are finished, but there have been some issues with the data. We are making sure that all numbers are accurate before releasing the reports, and have been reviewing all data for quality. Originally, we had a goal of releasing the individual reports by November 1st, but this date has been pushed back until mid-late November because of the data issues in the aggregate reports. Any questions or comments can be directed to Allison at 517-335-8199 or gibsona4@michigan.gov.

Clarification regarding Facility-Wide Inpatients or Outpatients in LabID Event Module

Hospitals that are using "facility-wide" inpatient or outpatient surveillance, or both, in the LabID event module, must enter a **specific location** (i.e. ICU, 4 West, 2 North, etc) where the specimen was taken when entering location data under "Event". To do this, when the facility is set up in NHSN, all locations under surveillance must be entered as separate locations. When entering denominator data then, the TOTAL of **patient days and number of**

admissions from all hospital inpatient locations under surveillance should be entered as the denominator for inpatients, and the total patient encounters from all outpatient locations should be entered as the outpatient denominator for that month.

Conferred Rights and June 6.4 Version of NHSN

Remember that you may need to update your conferred rights template if you added additional modules/options within NHSN (i.e. SSI, CAUTI, Dialysis, etc.), if you added a new location within your hospital, or if you would like to begin sharing data which you previously opted out of sharing. You may verify which data you share with SHARP by going to “Group” on your NHSN navigation bar, click onto “Confer Rights”, next highlight “MDCH_SHARP”, and click on the box that says “confer rights”. The “Confer Rights – Patient Safety” template will then appear. You can undo your previous “opt out” decision by un-checking the small “N/A” box at the far right of the row of the module/option that you now wish to share with us. Remember to include all new modules/options or locations in your Monthly Reporting Plan. **This is especially important when new CMS reporting requirements become effective on January 1, 2012 when acute care hospitals are required to begin reporting abdominal hysterectomies, colon surgeries, and CAUTIs.** Questions regarding this can be directed to Judy at weberj4@michigan.gov, or by calling her at 517-335-8331.

New NHSN Version 6.5

A new version of NHSN was released over the weekend of October 22 – 23. You should have been notified about the new version through an email from CDC which explains all the changes. A couple specific changes of interest include the following:

- NHSN is now able to send alerts to users who have incomplete data or quality errors in their entered data (missing denominators, etc). More information regarding these alerts can be found in the Resource Library section of the NHSN website at <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/library.html>.
- The new NHSN version allows facilities to now report ZERO events or procedures for a given month.
- The new version allows Group Administrators (i.e. MDCH SHARP) to send email messages within NHSN to facilities that are members of their Group.

Reimbursement for Professional Development Fund

Judy again reminded hospitals that are eligible for the professional development fund from SHARP to get their requests submitted to Jennie Finks as soon as possible. If you are having problems getting receipts for your purchases, call Jennie at 517-335-9547 or email her at finksj@michigan.gov to let her know what problems you are having. Thank you!

November 15 CMS Deadline for CLABSI Data

The next deadline for CLABSI data to be entered into NHSN prior to CDC sending the data to CMS is Tuesday, November 15th. This means that a facility should ensure that they have entered all CLABSI events for their hospital for the months of April through June 2011 by November 15th. This will ensure that they meet the CMS reporting requirements for this time period. Remember though that it is always best to keep up with entering monthly data into NHSN as events occur within the hospital.

NHSN Interactive Computerized Training Courses

CDC has developed 5 new self-study courses on the Device-Associated (DA) module of NHSN – Intro to the DA module, CLABSI, CLIP, CAUTI, and VAP. These courses are available at the following link: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training.html>. Note that a digital certificate is not needed to take these courses. CEUs are available if a person takes all 5 trainings and passes a post test. CDC is also working on a self-study course for the SSI module.

Links to CDC Educational Webinars

CDC has also developed 2 training webinars that will assist users with learning NHSN procedures. These webinars cover CLABSI and CAUTIs. Webinars on other topics will be developed in the near future. These webinars can also be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training.html>.

HICPAC Reviewing CLABSI & SSI Definitions

A working group of the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) has begun a thorough review of both the CLABSI and SSI definitions. The group will be discussing facets of the definitions that most often prompt user questions or concerns. It is anticipated that there may be changes or further clarification of current definitions in the future. A VAP workgroup has also recently begun to look at VAP definitions.

Demonstration of SSI Module

Judy and Allison walked through a demonstration of entering procedures and events into the SSI module of NHSN. Remember that ALL abdominal hysterectomies and colon surgeries performed in acute care hospitals must be entered into the SSI module of NHSN beginning January 1, 2012. If an infection occurs in any of these patients, the infection must then be entered under “Event” on the navigation bar of NHSN. The infection event can be linked with the surgical procedure on the reporting form. For additional information regarding the SSI module, the link on the training for the Procedure-Associated Module can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/wc_pa_ma.html.

Other Announcements

Since time was running out for the conference call, there were no other announcements.

Suggested Topics for Discussion

Ideas for conference call demonstrations and/or discussions are always welcome from participants on the call. Please send your suggestions to Judy at weberj4@michigan.gov.

Next Conference Call – Wednesday, November 30th at 10:00 a.m.

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