

**Targeted Assessment for Prevention:**

A quality improvement framework that maximizes resources to more efficiently reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

Prevent HAIs by:

- Targeting locations with excess infections
- Assessing for gaps
- Implementing interventions

**Target**

NHSN\* reports use data to identify facilities and units with excess infections and target efforts to most efficiently reach prevention goals.

\*National Healthcare Safety Network

**Prevent**

This toolkit contains actionable resources that allow facilities to customize their interventions based on identified opportunities.

**Assess**

Assessments—like the CLABSI Tracer and audit tools—systematically identify opportunities for improvement while serving as real-time education and training resources.

Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) Hospital Quality Improvement Contractor (HQIC) is available to assist with all aspects of implementing the CLABSI TAP Strategy.

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CLABSIs result in thousands of deaths each year and billions of dollars in added costs to the U.S. healthcare system, yet these infections are preventable.

The resources below provide a framework for facilities to approach the prevention and control of CLABSI within their care areas. HSAG HQIC is available to help with no cost technical assistance and the instructions below will assist partners in identifying their high-priority CLABSI areas.

<b>Target</b>	<p>NHSN is a program supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that nursing homes and hospitals can use to report HAIs. (<a href="http://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/tap.html">www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/tap.html</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NHSN FAQ Sheet</li><li>• NHSN Instruction Sheet (Line Listing)</li><li>• NHSN Survival Guide</li><li>• NHSN Tip Sheets</li></ul>
<b>Assess</b>	<p>A critical component in the control and prevention of CLABSI is continuously assessing the processes that could be contributing to an increased risk of infection within a facility. The resources below help users to focus on areas with the highest risk. (<a href="http://www.hsag.com/hqic-ip">www.hsag.com/hqic-ip</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infection Prevention Risk Assessment and Plan</li><li>• CLABSI Facility TAP Assessment</li><li>• CLABSI Exploration Tool</li><li>• Cleaning product/process assessment</li></ul>
<b>Prevent</b>	<p>Prevention of CLABSI requires a multidisciplinary approach. With that in mind, the resources below were developed with partners, providers, and subject matter experts and can be tailored to meet the needs of your facility. (<a href="http://www.ahrq.gov/hai/tools/preventing/index.html">www.ahrq.gov/hai/tools/preventing/index.html</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AHRQs Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program</li><li>• Checklist for Prevention of Central Line-Associated Infections</li><li>• CDC Infection Prevention Education Series</li></ul>

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