

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 CDI Tracer, Environmental Services Checklist, and Hand Hygiene Audit Tool—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.

Please email HospitalQuality@hsag.com for assistance and visit www.hsag.com/hqic for more information.

CDI (formerly known as *Clostridium difficile*) is a bacterium that causes diarrhea and colitis (an inflammation of the colon). CDI causes close to half a million illnesses each year. People on antibiotics and those with a recent hospitalization or nursing home stay are much more likely to get CDI.

The resources below provide a framework for facilities to approach the prevention and control of CDI 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 CDI areas.

Target	<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. (www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/tap.html)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSN FAQ Sheet • NHSN Instruction Sheet (Line Listing) • NHSN Survival Guide • NHSN Tip Sheets
Assess	<p>A critical component in the control and prevention of CDI 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. (www.hsag.com/hqic-ip)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Prevention Risk Assessment and Plan • CDI Facility Assessment • Hand Hygiene Audit Tool • Cleaning Product/Process Assessment
Prevent	<p>Prevention of CDI 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility-Specific Infection Prevention Plan • CDI Testing Algorithm and Pocket Cards • CDC Infection Prevention Education Series

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