



Summary

- The TAP Strategy is a framework for quality improvement that uses data for action to prevent HAIs by targeting locations with an excess burden of infections, assessing for gaps, and implementing prevention strategies.
- TAP tools are available for CAUTI, CLABSI, MRSA, and CDI* in acute care hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, and inpatient rehab facilities (IRFs).
- Implementing the TAP Strategy maximizes resources and impact by systematically targeting prevention efforts to identified locations and gaps.

Who Uses TAP?

- The TAP Strategy is customizable and scalable, allowing for utilization by both individual facilities and partner organizations (Hospital Quality Improvement Contractors [HQICs], state health departments, Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations [QIN-QIOs], etc.).
- The TAP Tools are stand-alone resources for use by HSAG HQIC partners, however, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers technical assistance to anyone using them.
- Individual facilities seeking assistance with implementing the TAP Strategy are encouraged to contact their state partners (state health departments, HQICs, hospital associations, etc.) and/or CDC.

How can Health Services

Advisory Group (HSAG) Help?

- **TAP Education**—Webinars, consultative calls, and email support
- **NHSN Support**—Assistance with creating a group; accessing, running, and interpreting TAP Reports
- **Technical Assistance**—Deploying, collecting, and summarizing facility assessments; creating feedback reports; subject matter expert guidance on prevention efforts

Contact the CDC for more information and for direct technical assistance in implementing the TAP Strategy.

Email: HAIPrevention@cdc.gov
www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/tap.html

*CAUTI = catheter-associated urinary tract infection, CLABSI = central line-associated bloodstream infection, MRSA = Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, CDI = *Clostridioides difficile* infection