

Public Reporting of Healthcare Acquired Infections

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Situation Analysis

Who is our audience?

What do we report?

How do we get the data?

What do we do with the data?

What are the implications of the data and our performance?

Who is our audience?

■ Consumers?

- What do they want?
- What can they understand?

■ Employers/purchasers?

- What do they want?
- What is their agenda

■ Government?

- What do they want?
- Will their agenda trump all others?

What do we collect/report?

■ Voluntarily?

- NHSN
- Components of AHRQ PSI/IQI
- IHI initiatives
- Wait for NQF to release their consensus indicators
- Something else

■ State reporting initiatives

■ National indicators?

How do we get the data?

■ Surveillance

- Labor intensive
- Scarce competencies
- Expensive, particularly on a small scale
- What about electronic surveillance

■ Process metrics

- Labor intensive
- Scarce competencies
- Expensive
- May not meet constituency demands

■ Administrative data

- Clinicians may struggle with the data integrity
- More functional than microbiological

What do we do with the data?

- Process redesign
- Identification and recruitment of skilled professionals
- Medical staff engagement
- Implications for care of what is becoming more and more a community based problem

What are the implications?

- Payment?
- Publicity?
- Viability?
- ...and, obviously and most importantly, the well being of patients and staff