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CDC's Interim Strategy for Local Health Departments on Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) and Antibiotic Resistance (AR):

Insights from Implementation



Overview of CDC's LHD HAI/AR Strategy



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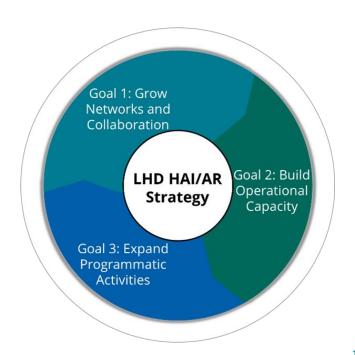
The CDC Interim LHD HAI/AR Strategy



Why LHDs?

The strategy focused on LHDs because they...

- · Are the frontline of public health
- Connect federal, state, and local partners
- Are well-positioned to educate and convene healthcare facilities
- Play a vital role in infection prevention, control, and response
- Often have authority for public health action and policies
- Have unique relationships to local healthcare facilities and partners
- · Have knowledge of the local culture





LHD HAI/AR Strategic Goals

Goal 1: Grow and expand networks across state, regional, and local levels through increased LHD communication and collaboration within the public health sector and among public-private sector partners.

- Objective 1.1: Engage with the state
 HAI/AR program to determine priorities,
 state and local roles and responsibilities
 when working together, and to maintain
 coordination between the LHD and the
 state.
- Objective 1.2: Grow and sustain relationships between healthcare and public health at the local level tailored to meet the LHD's, healthcare facilities', and providers' needs.
- Objective 1.3: Engage public health, healthcare, academic, and community partners in growing the partnership network to prevent HAI/AR in all patient populations within the local jurisdiction.

Goal 2: Build LHD operational capacity to conduct and promote sustainable HAI/AR infection prevention and control activities.

- Objective 2.1: Increase local public health staff capacity, expertise, and confidence to conduct HAI/AR activities, in alignment with the overall state HAI/AR program strategy.
- Objective 2.2: Increase local public health awareness of the latest HAI/AR guidance, data, programs, and policies that impact their community.
- Objective 2.3: Increase interjurisdictional infrastructure and sustainability of local HAI/AR infection prevention and control activities, in alignment with the overall state or regional strategy.
- Objective 2.4: Develop and/or update local healthcare preparedness and response plans to have capacity for responding to emerging HAI/AR threats and outbreaks.

Goal 3: Expand LHD HAI/AR infection prevention, outbreak response, and stewardship activities using data for action and prioritizing activities that increase impact on health equity.

- Objective 3.1: Implement HAI/AR
 outbreak and response strategies using
 data to identify appropriate participation
 in local, regional, and state-wide
 approaches.
- Objective 3.2: Implement infection prevention activities using available data to tailor and focus efforts.
- Objective 3.3: Implement antibiotic stewardship activities using data to tailor and focus efforts.
- Objective 3.4: Support HAI/AR activities that promote health equity and are aligned with state health equity priorities.

Example: Goal, Objectives, and Activities by Capacity Level

Goal 2: Building Operational Capacity

• Build LHD operational capacity to conduct and promote sustainable HAI/AR infection prevention and control activities.

Objective 1: Increasing staffing capacity at the local level

• Increase local public health staff capacity, expertise, and confidence to conduct HAI/AR activities, in alignment with the overall state HAI/AR program strategy.

Objective 1 Activity Examples

- Level 1: Offer trainings that build foundational IPC skills for newer staff.
- Level 2: Support at least one LHD staff member in becoming Certified in Infection Control (CIC), if eligible, or to pursue available IPC trainings.
- Level 3: Develop an HAI/AR team or program to ensure staff are trained to adequately support a variety of HAI/AR activities.