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Fast Facts

Arizona MRSA Improvement Project Learning Session 3

Learning Session 3 of HSAG's Arizona MRSA Improvement Project was held at the HSAG Carter Marshall Conference Center on September 10, 2009. Materials from the Learning Session will be available after September 18 at <http://www.hsag.com/azhospitals/mrsa/events.aspx>. Below are meeting highlights and links to resources.

Meeting Objectives:

- Review, discuss, and compare Arizona's NHSN MRSA data.
- Share successful interventions implemented to reduce hospital-acquired infections (HAIs).
- Discuss CDC ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) HAI state projects.

Meeting Discussions:

- Charlie Chapin demonstrated the NHSN MDRO Module, which helped point out participant challenges in appropriately using the module.
- Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine shared the results of a recent ARRA grant. A portion of the grant is to be devoted to collecting and reporting data using the MDRO module. Dr. Sunenshine asked collaborative participants for assistance with understanding and using the module. Participants were willing to partner with Dr. Sunenshine.
- Participants shared tools, forms, and processes that they have successfully used to improve hand hygiene among medical staff to reduce MRSA spread. These included, but are not limited to:
 - A hand hygiene toolkit that was distributed to each unit and is posted on the hospital intranet.
 - A process for using glow gel that lets the viewer determine if an attempt was made to clean the surface. The gel is applied to commonly used unit resources that should be cleaned daily by clinicians.
 - A form that is to be completed by an unidentified observer. The form instructs the user to observe hand hygiene or use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) prior to the clinician entering the room. A copy of the form is kept in the clinician's file for use during evaluation.
 - A survey process that included questions related to hand washing and decontamination of equipment. The hospital did a baseline assessment, provided education, and plans to re-survey at the end of six months to determine if the education made a difference.
 - The use of clever hand-washing reminder posters. The posters are free to download and can be found at <http://www.webbertraining.com>.

MRSA Learning Session 3 Follow-Up Actions:

- Charlie Chapin will contact the Patient Safety QIOSC to arrange for a CDC speaker to discuss the NHSN MDRO module at a future meeting. Collaborative participants should begin compiling their questions for the CDC speaker so that he or she is prepared to discuss those issues of greatest concern to our participants.
- HSAG will let MRSA Collaborative participants know about the next Learning Session date when speakers have been confirmed.