

TAP Strategy

Targeted Assessment for Prevention (TAP): Using Data for Action

Target

- Generate TAP Reports using the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
- Identify facilities/units with excess healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) using the cumulative attributable difference (CAD) metric
- Engage targeted facilities/ units to participate in focused prevention efforts



Tools

- NHSN TAP Reports
- TAP 'How To' Guide

Assess

- Assess targeted facilities/ units for potential gaps in infection control using the TAP facility assessment tools
- Summarize responses and calculate scores across units, facilities, and groups to identify gaps

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Tools

- TAP Facility Assessment Tools
- TAP Excel Spreadsheets

Prevent

- Present identified gaps and data to facility using TAP Feedback Report
- Utilize the Implementation Guide to access resources to aid in addressing identified gaps
- Implement proven prevention strategies in the targeted facilities/units to reduce infection rates



Tools

- TAP Feedback Reports
- TAP Implementation Guides

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 Website: 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