



Reducing Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hospitals

HAI-18 Webinar: Developing a Regional Approach to CDI Prevention

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Preventing *Clostridium difficile* infections (CDIs) takes a community.

Whether you work in a nursing home or hospital, CDI is a communal health care problem. Every health care professional must do their part to decrease CDIs within their facility as well as other facilities. Hear from Erin Epton, MD, from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), on a unique CDI prevention approach that focuses on bringing together all health care facilities to combat CDI on a community level, rather than just within the four walls of a facility.

Objectives

The webinar will:

- Provide information on the importance and rationale for using a regional approach to CDI prevention
- Describe the CDPH Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Program's model for a regional CDI prevention collaborative
- Discuss observations and lessons learned from the HAI Program's experience with the first regional CDI prevention collaborative

Speaker

Erin Epton, MD, is a public health medical officer and assistant chief of the CDPH, Healthcare-Associated Infections Program. She is a board-certified infectious disease physician who completed medical epidemiology training as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In her role with the CDPH HAI Program, she is principally responsible for overseeing the Antimicrobial Resistance Program activities, which include initiatives to improve antimicrobial prescribing through stewardship, prevent infections and transmission of antimicrobial resistant pathogens and track antimicrobial use and resistance trends in California health care settings.

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