



# Campaign Update

## August 2012

### Teaming up to ICE C. diff Regional Workshops



Three regional workshops, “Teaming up to ICE C. diff,” held this July brought together more than 450 individuals from hospitals, nursing homes, and other health agencies to discuss evidence-based strategies for preventing *Clostridium difficile* infections (CDI) and how to address common challenges.

Attendees represented infection prevention, environmental services and laboratory staff, nursing leadership and care providers, administrators, industry leaders, and patient safety advocates. Many facilities attended as multidisciplinary teams.



The full day workshops addressed inter-facility patient transfer; environmental cleaning and establishing an environmental cleaning monitoring program; improving collaboration between infection control, nursing, and laboratory personnel; and applying CDI prevention best practices in the long term care setting.

Attendees wrapped up the day with some action planning and reflection on next steps.



Held in Carterville, Springfield, and Naperville, the workshops were offered as part of ICE C. diff, the statewide education campaign launched in March 2012 by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Division of Patient Safety and Quality. The workshops were co-sponsored by IDPH, Telligen, and the Illinois APIC chapters.



### Attendance

*Number of individuals by facility type*

	Carterville	Springfield	Naperville	Total
Hospitals	44 (65%)	73 (50%)	140 (58%)	<b>257 (56%)</b>
Long term care facilities	17 (25%)	67 (46%)	90 (37%)	<b>174 (38%)</b>
Other*	7 (10%)	7 (5%)	12 (5%)	<b>26 (6%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>457</b>

*Row and column percent totals may be greater than 100% due to rounding.*

*\*Other included individuals from skilled nursing facilities, long term care trade associations, hospital association, ombudsmen, home health and hospice, and other agencies.*

## More on Regional workshops

### Panel: The Illinois *Clostridium difficile* Prevention Collaborative



Attendees at NIU Naperville browse vendor exhibits during break

Infection Preventionists from six hospitals that participated in the Illinois *Clostridium difficile* Prevention Collaborative discussed the following points:

1. Focus of improvement efforts during the collaborative.
2. Major accomplishment of collaborative effort and factors contributing to success.
3. Barriers faced in implementing the CDI prevention bundle and approaches taken to overcome these.



See page 4 of this update for panelist contact information. To read more about the Collaborative, visit: [http://www.idph.state.il.us/patientsafety/ice\\_home.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/patientsafety/ice_home.htm).

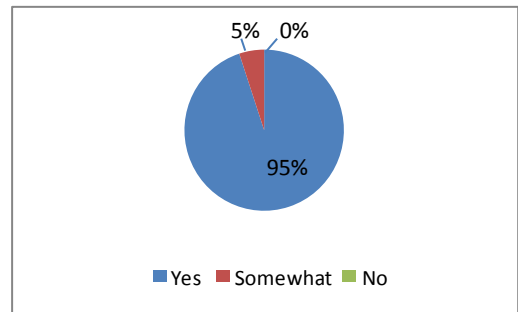
## Attendee Feedback

Attendees completed a workshop evaluation. Responses to two questions are highlighted below.

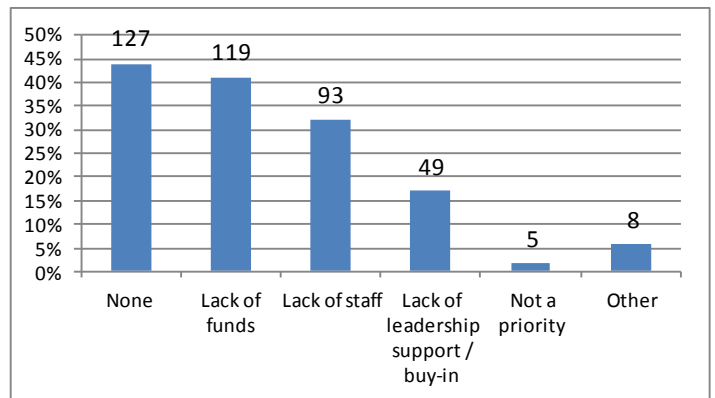


Environmental cleaning breakout session

**This workshop provided content that was valuable to my job. (n=311)**



**What barriers might prevent you from applying the knowledge gained from this workshop in your job? (n=287)\***



**“As an ICA for a hospital I learned a lot by talking to several LTC staff members at my table. I will return to work with a goal to improve sharing of information and hope that we can improve patient care and safety by better communicating.”**

**“...It was good to create these conversations. We need more of it.”**

**“As a new RN, this workshop has provided amounts of education on prevention, not only in *C. diff* patients but MDRO's in general.”**

\* Notes:

◇ 287 individuals answered this question. Respondents could select more than one answer.

◇ Other barriers listed:

- *Acute care hospitals:* competing priorities for interdisciplinary teams time; staff buy in; lack of compliance/communication between staff.

- *Long term care facilities:* education/understanding of non-clinical employees (language barriers); buy-in from all departments; time; lack of MD support.

## In Your Facility

Facilities are encouraged to implement and evaluate at least one measurable goal to prevent *C. diff* infections. Below is a summary of the content from the action planning session.

Plan: Finalize or refine your plan of action.

*Relevant steps from Action Planning Worksheet*

- ⇒ Identify the **problem, challenge, or opportunity** that will be the focus of your improvement initiative. (Tip: Refer to “Menu of Strategies to Prevent *Clostridium difficile* Infections” handout for help in identifying focus areas for your facility).
- ⇒ Identify and assemble members of your **Change Team**.
- ⇒ Specify **Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound** goals for your improvement initiative.
- ⇒ Identify **one specific intervention or test of change** to implement.
- ⇒ Identify **resources** required.
- ⇒ Develop a **communication plan** to generate support for the improvement initiative, keep staff and leadership informed of progress, and maintain and spread positive changes.

Do: Carry out your intervention or test of change, monitor implementation and measure outcomes.

Study: Assess the results, whether you met your goals, and what you learned.

Act: Share results and progress with relevant staff and leadership. Based on lessons learned,

### Did you know?

You can share useful tools or tell us about what you are doing in your facility by completing the *In Highlight* story submission template available at:

[http://www.idph.state.il.us/patientsafety/ice\\_activities.htm#InHighlight](http://www.idph.state.il.us/patientsafety/ice_activities.htm#InHighlight)

## Coming Next

### **September 25, 2012, 10am CST**

Webinar: Promising Methods for Prevention and Treatment of *Clostridium difficile* Infections. Registration information will be made available in September.

\*Dates for other webinars will be announced when scheduled.

### **October 25-26, 2012**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Illinois APIC Statewide Conference on Healthcare-Associated Infections will be held in Springfield, IL. Register now (early bird before September 25) at <http://illinoishaiconf.com/>.

### **Fall 2012, Date TBA**

- ◇ The second CDI Prevention Practices survey will be sent to facilities that signed up for ICE *C. diff*. This survey will give facilities an opportunity to report status and progress of their CDI prevention initiatives.
- ◇ Hospital *Clostridium difficile* infection rates will be published online on the Illinois Hospital Report Card.
- ◇ IDPH will launch a small *Clostridium difficile* infection prevention collaborative focused on safe transitions in care that will engage several clusters of hospitals, long term acute care and/or long term care facilities with inter-facility referral networks.

### **Spring 2013, Date TBA**

- ◇ Illinois Summit on Antimicrobial Stewardship will be held to promote antibiotic stewardship across the state, provide tools for antibiotic self-assessment, and spread lessons learned from the Illinois Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative.

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The Illinois Department of Public Health's Division of Patient Safety and Quality is committed to work for safe, quality health care for the people of Illinois. The Division ensures execution of the Illinois Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Plan through the implementation of HAI prevention initiatives, provision of training and technical assistance on HAI prevention and reporting, and coordination of the HAI Prevention Advisory Committee. The Division promotes health care transparency and is responsible for developing and implementing programs to collect and report health care facility data for improving the quality and value of health care services delivered to Illinois residents.

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### Workshop Panel: The Illinois *Clostridium difficile* Prevention Collaborative

Panelists from the “Teaming up to ICE C. *diff*” workshops may be contacted with questions about their experience with implementing the C. *diff* prevention bundle during the Collaborative.

Read more about the Collaborative at: [http://www.idph.state.il.us/patientsafety/ice\\_home.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/patientsafety/ice_home.htm)

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