



## HAI Reduction Summit

**Part 1—*Clostridium difficile* Prevention:  
Coming Together to Examine What Works**

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### ***Clostridium difficile***

**Your foot in the door for Antibiotic Stewardship,  
Interfacility Transfer Communication &  
Environmental Services improvement**

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## Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe an initiative to assess CDI prevalence
- Describe interventions including interfacility transfer communication between hospital and SNF, and environmental hygiene

We will

- Discuss adaption to real-world funding
- Discuss opportunities for collaboration



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## Scenario

- ELC Grant Dream Team
  - CDI Collaborative with Oregon Patient Safety Commission



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- ELC Grant Dream Team
  - CDI Collaborative with Oregon Patient Safety Commission
- Reality
  - Funding, staffing
  - Timing: Ebola



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## Recruitment

- Built on EIP CDI Surveillance in 1 county
- Built on OPSC success with CUSP collaborative
  - NHSN CDI Lab ID Event
- Started with long-term care networks
  - Outreach two-ways: corporate and local



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## Mixed-methods

- Baseline assessments
  - CDC Tool
  - Facility-specific report, goals
- Education
  - CDI slides, CNA education, binder
  - On-site, Grand Rounds, webinars
- Connection with hospitals and SNFs
  - Interfacility transfer communication
  - Environmental hygiene
- Website
  - All resources available



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## Summary

- Enrolled 3 hospitals
- 8 skilled nursing facilities
- 5 main areas of work:
  - Surveillance: NHSN enrollment
  - Best practices
  - Environmental hygiene
  - Antibiotic stewardship
  - Interfacility transfer communication



## Assessment Consultations

### I. General Infrastructure, Capacity, and Processes

1. Does your facility's senior leadership actively promote CDI activities?
2. Is unit-level leadership involved in CDI prevention activities?
3. Does your facility have a team/work group focusing on CDI prevention?
4. Does your facility coordinate CDI Training
5. Does your facility personnel:
  - A. Upon transfer
  - B. At least
6. Does your facility equipment (PPE selection and distribution)
  - A. Upon transfer
  - B. At least
7. Does your facility personnel with nursing staff:
  - A. Upon transfer
  - B. At least

### II. Antibiotic Stewardship for CDI Prevention

1. Does your facility review appropriate treatment of recent CDI diagnosis?
2. Does your facility antibiotics?
3. Does your facility CDI with antibiotic
4. Fluoroquinolone
5. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> generation
6. Fluoroquinolone
7. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> generation

1. Are patients with diarrhea within 24 hours without
2. Do providers avoid inappropriate indication when no diarrhea prior known causes of diarrhea
3. Are C. difficile tests (e.g., hours) for patients with
4. Are patients premedicated
5. For patients with suspected testing within 24 hours
6. Does your laboratory testing within 24 hours
7. Is CDI status (i.e., surveillance history) communicated transfer to your facility
8. Is CDI status (i.e., surveillance history) communicated transfer from your facility

Based on our discussion, your facility would like to work on the following areas:

1. Develop measurable goals around C. difficile and disease affecting antibiotic stewardship:
  - a. # antibiotic starts/1,000 resident days
  - b. # urinalysis and urine cultures ordered/1,000 resident days and # positive urine cultures
  - c. # C. difficile diagnoses/10,000 resident days, etc.
2. Implement formal surveillance for C. difficile in order to track changes following interventions:
  - a. Begin enrollment process to enter CDI cases into NHSN surveillance system.
3. Prevent the spread of infection through robust facility infection control:
  - a. Develop door signage, education, and data sharing methods that reach visual learners.
  - b. Trial using hand hygiene, personal protective equipment and point of care observation tools to observe and provide real-time feedback to staff (See attached).
  - c. Increase access to hand hygiene ABHR in physical therapy and meals.
  - d. Verify influenza vaccination in staff. 35% of eligible HCWs were reported vaccinated during 2014-2015 season (See attached report). Share data with staff and compare.
4. Implement and strengthen interfacility transfer communication around MDRO and C. difficile.
  - a. Reinforce where the IFT form should live, who is responsible for updating, how it will be copied and join the resident's transfer order and papers. Perform audits for forms.
  - b. Genevieve to reach out to main referral hospitals to verify hospital IFT processes.
5. Strengthen the antibiotic stewardship:
  - a. Share educational pamphlet on CDI for residents and families (See attached).
  - b. Develop a pamphlet for families/residents about antibiotic stewardship.
  - c. Discuss with medical director how to respond to a resident's change in condition without reflex to antibiotics, unless indicated: nursing assessment, infection criteria vs other (e.g., dehydration), non-antibiotic treatments (e.g., hydration), appropriate laboratory testing (e.g., urine culture before antibiotics), and indications for antibiotics.
6. Strengthen the effectiveness of environmental cleaning:
  - a. Develop a regular, sustainable, and non-punitive audit program of room, medical equipment, and deep cleaning with housekeeping.
  - b. Include housekeeping in infection control and response planning.

We will touch base in about 1 month by phone to see how the above goals are progressing, identified barriers, and next steps. Thank you for your valuable time.

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## Interfacility Transfer Evaluation

- Rule Jan 2014
- New plan:
  - 27 hospitals
  - 60 SNFs
- Database
- Chart review
- Analysis



ID	Case Report Form	event ID	CRF status
<b>INTERFACILITY TRANSFER COMMUNICATION</b>			
At this CDI event, did the facility have a process for IFT communication? <i>If unknown, if event occurred after 1/1/2014, answer YES.</i>			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
<b>1) Was this CDI event documented by the facility who diagnosed CDI...</b>			
... in the discharge summary? (usually a dictated narrative)			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
... in the problem list?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
... in the chart past medical history (EMR or written)?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
... in a special banner or area to inform providers of infectious diseases?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
... in the transfer of care documentation (by case management)?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
... in the next admission H&P (if available)?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
<b>2) Determine whether the case is eligible for transfer review:</b>			
Was the patient transferred to another facility within 8 weeks of diagnosis?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
Was the patient transferred to another ward within 8 weeks of diagnosis?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
Was the patient's CDI diagnosis was made within 3 days of hospital admission, AND patient transferred from another healthcare facility?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
Was the patient admitted to another facility >8 weeks but <1 year after dx?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
<b>3) If you answered yes to any of the above in 2), this case is eligible for review:</b>			
Was this CDI event documented by the facility who diagnosed CDI...			
... in the transfer paperwork? (e.g., transport notes, transport orders, or admission orders)			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			
... in a written manner, readily available to providers, including transport?			
<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> ?			

## Prevalence Project

- Identify prevalence at admission for units with high rates of CDI
- Look for transmission events
  - Hospital
  - Future: LTACH? SNF?



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## Collaboration

- Acumentra Health joined 1 visit, also used tool
- Webinars about antibiotic stewardship (AWARE)
  - Rural Health Network
  - Grand Rounds
  - Oregon Health Care Association
- Oregon Patient Safety Commission
- Office of Licensing & Regulatory Oversight



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## Resources

- CDI Learning Session
- CDI Toolkit
- CNA Education (in progress)
- (Self) Assessment Tools
- NHSN Education



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## Future

- Continue facility support with Acumentra Health
- Include interfacility transfer communication of infectious diseases in “care transition”
- Dovetails with Ebola Part B grant
  - Onsite consultation and observations
  - Facility-specific plans
- Need assistant



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