



Antibiotic Use and Resistance (AUR) Collaborative News

January 2024

What's New

- In March 2024, we are transitioning to a bimonthly one-hour format for our webinars. Your input matters and helps us to shape the agenda to meet your needs. To suggest topics you'd like us to explore, please [e-mail us](#).
- We will conduct progress surveys in January, June, and November 2024.

Welcome to the AUR Collaborative newsletter, which offers updates and relevant resources for your use.

The AUR Collaborative is dedicated to helping hospitals meet the reporting requirements of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Promoting Interoperability (PI) Program for AUR. Participating hospitals are provided project management support, insightful educational webinars, and access to office hours with national and regional AUR experts. Our collaborative platform also facilitates networking opportunities for members at similar stages of implementation. The AUR Collaborative will run through December 2024.

Spotlight

Tips for Antibiotic Use (AU)

For a comprehensive guide on **AU data validation**, please visit our [webpage](#). Common questions are addressed in a recording of our March webinar featuring Katherine Lusardi, PharmD, BCIDP, Infectious Diseases/Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Tips for Antibiotic Resistance (AR)

For guidance on how to **validate your AR data**, view the recording of our April webinar "Tips for AR Data Validation" [here](#). The webinar featured Libby Dodds Ashley, PharmD, MHS, FCCP, BCPS, Professor in Medicine, Duke Antimicrobial Stewardship Outreach Network.

All materials and recordings are available on the AUR Collaborative [webpage](#).

Project Reminders

To be in active engagement with the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) you can choose one of the following options:

1. Pre-production and validation
 - Registration within NHSN
 - Testing and validation of the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) files
2. Validated data production
 - Registration within NHSN
 - Submitting production AU and AR files to NHSN (180 continuous days)

Notably, in 2024, facilities can only spend one calendar year in the pre-production and validation stage. To receive credit for the CMS PI Program, please report both AU and AR data for the same continuous 180 days. Please [email us](#) to discuss further.

COMING UP

January Office Hours

Join us for January Office Hours with NYU Langone Health's Dana Mazo, MD, Director, Antibiotic Stewardship Program, and Yanina Dubrovskaya, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP, FIDSA, Assistant Director of Clinical Pharmacy Services, Infectious Diseases. They will share NYU Langone Health's experience and offer valuable insights and tips on AUR data visualization.

Date: January 10, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Registration: https://gnyha-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkfu2orjkqEtOdysSx9T1FOa_2ljPQgB_F

Progress Survey

GNYHA progress surveys will help hospitals track their progress toward successful AUR reporting and benchmark their performance against their peers. The next survey will run from January 10 to January 19, 2024.