

Compass Hospital,

Compass encourages hospitals to report healthcare-associated infection (HAI) e.g., CAUTI, CLABSI, VAE, SSI, CRE (optional) and CDI data through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Reporting to NHSN will satisfy many of the reporting requirements for HQIC participation. By conferring rights to your facility's NHSN data, Compass is able use your facility's NHSN reporting results for HQIC reporting. This helps avoid duplication of reporting and hospital burden. To confirm rights within NHSN to Compass HQIC (IHC), follow these steps:

1. Contact your organization's *NHSN facility administrator* (role within NHSN). The decision to confer rights to a group is a decision made by the *NHSN facility administrator* – the individual in your facility with enrollment privileges in NHSN who can grant this access.
2. The *NHSN facility administrator* should log into NHSN. Note: Information on enrollment steps can be found on the CDC's NHSN website <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn> (Link).
3. Once logged into NHSN, you will select your facility from the landing page.
4. On the navigation bar on the left side of the page, click on “**Group**” and select “**Join**”. The **Memberships** screen will load.
5. Enter the 'Group ID' =**14184** and 'Group Joining Password'=**IHC-IOWA**
6. Click “**Join Group**”. A pop-up box will appear that indicates CDC is not accountable for how the group you join uses your data. To join the IHC group, you must select “OK”. You will then come to the Confer Rights screen, with a message at the top indicating that you have successfully joined the group.
7. Note the confer rights template is pre-populated with the specific NHSN metrics IHC is to receive from your facility. Please do not alter the template. If you do so we may not have the ability to pull data necessary to update your HQIC reports (such as numerator or denominator data, events, etc.) Please remember we do not receive ANY patient identifiers.

Thank you for your continued commitment to quality and safety. Feel free to contact myself or your Clinical Improvement Consultant with questions.

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