

NADONA Partners with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) plays an active role in the prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections, specifically through laboratory testing, public reporting, outbreak investigations, and The Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) is a federal advisory committee assembled to provide advice and guidance to CDC and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding the practice of infection control and strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of healthcare-associated infections, antimicrobial resistance and related events in United States healthcare settings. The primary activity of the Committee is to provide advice on periodic updating of existing CDC guidelines and development of new CDC guidelines. Additionally, this advice may take the form of resolutions or informal communications.

HICPAC is made up of 14 external infection control experts who offer guidance regarding the practice of health care infection control, strategies for surveillance and prevention and control of health care associated infections in United States health care facilities. Members are recommended by the CDC and appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services from experts in the fields of infectious diseases, healthcare epidemiology, healthcare-associated infections and healthcare-related events, epidemiology, health policy, health services research, public health, and related fields.

NADONA regularly engages with both the CDC Division for Healthcare Quality Promotion and specifically the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee as a partner in reducing the incidence of Healthcare Associated Infections. NADONA is committed to partnering with nursing leaders to reduce Healthcare Associated Infections, improve clinical practice, and improve the overall patient experience through clinical education.

To learn more about CDC's efforts to reduce healthcare associated infections, please visit www.cdc.gov/hai.

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