



The Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) Team is here to help YOU

What is an ICAR Visit?

- An Infection Control Assessment and Response is when someone with infection prevention and control training visits your facility and **work one-on-one** with your infection preventionist and committee members/department managers.
- An (ICAR) tool is used to guide the visit to assess your facility's infection prevention and control (IPC) practices and guide quality improvement activities if gaps are identified and note things that are done well.
- It is **non-regulatory** and discusses scenarios that are pertinent for your facility.
- Feedback and infection control training are also provided.

What is an Outbreak Visit?

- Nosocomial outbreaks are reportable to the North Dakota Department of Health.
 - *A nosocomial infection or HAI is defined as an infection occurring in a resident during the process of care, which was not present or incubating at the time of admission. This also includes occupational infections among health care workers (HCWs).*
- An Outbreak Visit is when someone with **outbreak assessment and investigation training** visits your facility and work one-on-one with your team.
- An outbreak investigation tool is used to guide the assessment to help identify the index case, source of transmission, transmission cases, and mode of transmission.
- Feedback is given on control methods to prevent further transmission.
- It is **non-regulatory**.

The HAI Team's **goal** is to assist facilities to maintain or reach a level of providing best practices of care and work with you on quality improvement strategies for infection control and prevention. The Team can also provide **education** for your staff that is identified as a need on a variety of infection control topics.

Contact Nicole Lennick or Faye Salzer to set up a visit.

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