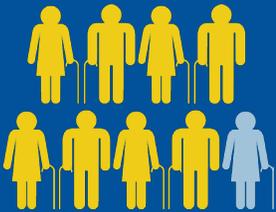




More than

**100,000**

*C. diff* infections develop each year among residents of U.S. nursing homes<sup>\*1</sup>



**1 in 9**

patients aged 65 and older with a healthcare-associated *C. diff* infection died within 30 days of their diagnosis<sup>\*2</sup>



More than

**30%**

of patients infected with *C. diff* in one health system were readmitted within 30 days<sup>\*3</sup>

<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nearly half a million Americans suffer from *Clostridium difficile* infections in a single year. [accessed 2016 March 17]. <http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpradhttp://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2015/p0225-clostridium-difficile.html>.

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# Join the Telligen Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative *Clostridium difficile* Initiative



## Join Us

*Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) can cause deadly colon inflammation and diarrhea. And the elderly are at highest risk for fatalities. In fact, a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study found that **more 80 percent of deaths associated with *C. difficile* infection occurred among patients aged 65 years or older<sup>3</sup>.**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections makes CDI prevention an urgent priority. **You can show your nursing home's commitment to rigorous infection control standards by joining Telligen's new CDI component.**

## Top Five Reasons to Get Involved

- **Become a leader** in creating the first national CDI long-term care baseline dataset using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).
- **Stay ahead of future federal requirements**, such as the rule proposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in July 2015 that would require facilities to have a system to prevent, identify, report, investigate and control infections and communicable diseases.
- **Demonstrate your low CDI rates through NHSN data**, whether you work with critical access hospitals or those participating in CMS value-based purchasing programs.
- **Prepare to work with an increasing number of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)** that require three-star or above designations in preferred partners.
- Learn how to **integrate CDI prevention best practices**, use **infection surveillance tools** and receive **NHSN education and data submission support at no cost.**

**Telligen supports infection control and containment best practices and brings them to you.** And Telligen's quality improvement experts will guide you and your staff through **antibiotic stewardship education, performance improvement projects** and **TeamSTEPPS communications training** that you'll rely on to implement quality improvement initiatives for years to come.

## About the Telligen QIN-QIO

The Telligen Quality Innovation Network - Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), in collaboration with CMS, is supporting the HHS National Quality Strategy to accomplish better care and better health at lower cost for people and communities.

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