

PURPOSE AND CHARGE
Maine Quality Forum Subcommittee on HAI
 Dirigo Health Agency, Maine Quality Forum

Goal The Maine Quality Forum subcommittee on Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) aims to exchange ideas between various governmental agencies, private stakeholders, and consumers to reduce HAIs in Maine. This subcommittee will act as a discussion forum to inform, educate and provide input to the Maine Quality Forum and the Maine CDC- HAI Prevention Program on HAI topics.

Members

2	members of Maine Infection Prevention Collaborative Coordinating Committee (one physician and one Infection Control Coordinator)
1	State Epidemiologist
2	nominees of State Epidemiologist (at least one of whom will be a consumer as defined below)
1	consumer representatives (as defined below) nominated by the Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council
1	consumer (as defined below) nominated by the Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council
2	nominees of the Maine Society of Health Systems Pharmacists
2	representatives of clinical labs (one from MeCDC's HETL and a Microbiologist from a clinical laboratory).

For purposes of membership on this sub-committee, the following definitions will apply:

A **consumer** is an individual with significant personal experience with the health care system, either as a patient or caregiver, and who is not a provider or regulator of health care services.

A **consumer representative or advocate** is an individual who works for a nonprofit, mission oriented organization represents a specific constituency of consumers or patients and is not a provider or regulator of health care services.

Staff

The subcommittee will be staffed by a staff member of the Maine CDC, Division of Infectious Diseases and by a staff member representing the Maine Quality Forum.

The HAI subcommittee will meet quarterly.

Activities

1. To act as a discussion forum on HAI topics with a wide-spectrum of professionals (Infectious Disease specialists, Infection prevention coordinators, Pharmacy, Lab, others) , consumers and government,
2. To act as an incubator for developing quality improvement initiatives on HAI,
3. To have a public discussion regarding HAI public reporting metrics and to advise Maine Quality Forum on the adoption of said metrics,
4. To discuss and evaluate the collection and use of specific HAI indicators for the scope and impact of surveillance and/or public reporting on healthcare quality,
5. To raise the public awareness of HAIs and of activities, policy and strategies to reduce HAIs in the state, and
6. To identify need and consolidate resources for professional and public health education on HAI.