The Receiver has further irrevocably authorized and appointed FDIC-Corporate as its attorney-in-fact to execute and file any and all documents that may be required to be executed by the Receiver which FDIC-Corporate, in its sole discretion, deems necessary, including but not limited to releases, discharges, satisfactions, endorsements, assignments, and deeds. Effective on the termination dates listed above, the Receiverships have been terminated, the Receiver has been discharged, and the Receiverships have ceased to exist as legal entities.

Dated: February 1, 2018.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman, Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project “Expanding the Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP) to Reduce Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI) and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) in Intensive Care Units (ICU) with Persistently Elevated Infection Rates.”

This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on July 28, 2017, and allowed 60 days for public comment. AHRQ did not receive any substantive public comments. In response to internal project team feedback, the proposed data collection has been modified in order to increase efficiency and decrease respondent burden. Modifications include consolidation of two data collection tools (the Team Checkup Tool and the ICU Assessment) into one ICU Assessment and decreasing the frequency of administration. The modifications also now require broad administration of the ICU Action Plan, which previously was administered only to those sites that had a site visit. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 8, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: AHRQ’s OMB Desk Officer by fax at (202) 395–6974 (attention: AHRQ’s desk officer) or by email at OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov (attention: AHRQ’s desk officer).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by email at doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

Expanding the Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP) to reduce Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI) and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) in Intensive Care Units (ICU) with persistently elevated infection rates.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection. Healthcare-associated infections, or HAIs, are a highly significant cause of illness and death for patients in the U.S. health care system. At any given time, HAIs affect one out of every 25 hospital inpatients. More than a million of these infections occur across the health care system every year, leading to significant patient harm and the annual loss of tens of thousands of lives, and costing billions of dollars each year. Some of the most prevalent HAIs include: Surgical site infections (SSIs), catheter-associated urinary tract infections, central-line associated blood stream infections, and ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP). It is estimated that CAUTIs affect approximately 250,000 hospital patients per year, and approximately 40,000 CLABSI cases occur annually with a mortality rate from 12 to 25 percent.

From 2008–2012, AHRQ supported the National Implementation of the Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program (CUSP) to reduce Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI) under an ACTION contract with the Health Research and Educational Trust (HRET), in partnership with Johns Hopkins University and the Michigan Hospital Association. From 2011–2015, AHRQ expanded its CUSP efforts to include the national implementation of CUSP for CAUTI in hospitals across the United States. This effort was carried out under an ACTION II contract with HRET, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University and the Michigan Hospital Association.

As part of the Department of Health and Human Services National Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections, AHRQ has supported the implementation and adoption of the CUSP for CLABSI and CUSP for CAUTI, and is applying the principles and concepts that have been learned from these HAI reduction efforts to ICUs with persistently elevated infection rates.

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Results of Implementation of CUSP for CLABSI and CAUTI

The nationwide CUSP for CLABSI project was implemented with teams at more than 1,100 adult ICUs in 44 states over a 4-year period. ICUs participating in this project reduced the rate of CLABSIs nationally from 1.915 infections per 1,000 central line days to 1.133 infections per 1,000 line days, an overall reduction of 41 percent. However, not all ICUs performed equally well.

The CUSP for CAUTI project implemented CUSP in nine cohorts, representing over 1,600 hospital units in over 1,200 hospitals located across 40 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Inpatient CAUTI rates in non-ICUs were decreased by 30%. However, CAUTI rates in ICUs were not reduced significantly.

In other words, while the overall results of the implementation of CUSP for CLABSI and CUSP for CAUTI have shown remarkable progress, not all ICUs in the projects have achieved the intended rate reductions, nor have all ICUs participated in the two projects. Moreover, a significant number of institutions and ICUs continue to have persistently elevated infection rates. There are institutions that have varying rates of infections within the same institution, indicating that infection control is often a unit-based issue.

In sum, despite the significant overall reductions in CLABSI and CAUTI rates that have been achieved in these two projects, there is evidence that ICUs have generally faced challenges in reducing CAUTI rates, and that many hospitals still are not where they should be in reducing CLABSI rates. Modified approaches and strategies for the CUSP intervention need to be developed and implemented to reach ICUs with persistently elevated CLABSI and CAUTI rates and help them succeed in preventing these infections. To address this need, AHRQ will launch this project aimed at spreading nationally implementation of an adaptation of CUSP for CLABSI and CAUTI for ICUs with persistently elevated rates, optimizing the approach to maximize effectiveness and further preventing these infections throughout the United States.

This project has the following goals:

- Reduce CLABSI and CAUTI in ICUs with persistently elevated rates.
- Revise and augment current CUSP training resources and materials for CUSP for CLABSI and CAUTI in ICUs with persistently elevated rates. The resulting toolkit will be intended for use in ICUs whose infection rates for either or both of these HAIs are persistently elevated compared to other ICUs.
- Recruit 450–600 ICUs nationally with persistently elevated rates to demonstrate the utility of applying a modified CUSP for CLABSI and CUSP for CAUTI during the performance period to reduce rates of CLABSI and CAUTI in these ICUs.
- Assess the adoption of the modified CUSP for CLABSI and CAUTI and evaluate the effectiveness of the intervention in the participating ICUs.
- This study is being conducted by AHRQ through its contractor HRET. Expanding the Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program (CUSP) to reduce Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI) and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) in Intensive Care Units (ICU) with persistently elevated infection rates is being undertaken pursuant to AHRQ’s statutory authority to conduct and support research on health care and on systems for the delivery of such care, including activities with respect to the quality, effectiveness, efficiency, appropriateness, and value of health care services and with respect to quality measurement and improvement.
- 42 U.S.C. 299a(a)(1) and (2).

Method of Collection

To achieve the goals of this project the following data collections will be implemented:

(1) ICU Assessment Tool: The ICU assessment tool will be completed by the unit project team leader in collaboration with individuals with strong knowledge of current clinical and safety practices in the ICU, such as the ICU manager, infection preventionist, quality leader, clinical educator, or clinical nurse specialist at the start of the cohort. The purpose of this assessment is to understand current HAI prevention practices, policies, and procedures to tailor the educational program to meet the needs of the ICU. The assessment also addresses unit safety culture and CUSP safety practices with questions from the AHRQ Team Checkup Tool. Results from this assessment will be one of the key tools participating ICUs will use in developing their action plans.

(2) Action plans: After completing and receiving the results of their ICU assessment, the unit team members (such as the ICU manager, quality leader, clinical educator, or clinical nurse specialist) will complete an action plan. The unit team will be encouraged to use other data sources (e.g., CAUTI and/or CLABSI rates from the National Healthcare Safety Network [NHSN], culture assessments) to identify gaps that they plan to address through participation in the project. ICU teams, with coaching support from their state lead, clinical mentor, and subject matter experts, will determine which educational materials will help the ICU achieve its action plan goals. ICU teams, state leads, and clinical mentors will refer to these action plans to monitor progress in achieving the goals.

(3) Site Visits: State leads and clinical mentors will coordinate state-level, in-person site visits for 200 participating hospital units over the entire project. Site visits are an opportunity for state leads and clinical mentors to meet with ICU teams and their leadership to strengthen relationships, engage in open discussion about infection prevention, and discuss the unit’s progress in implementing its action plan. The Site Visit Guidance document helps state leads identify ICUs to visit, plan agendas, schedule visits, prepare for visits, and plan discussion questions.

This data collection effort will be part of a comprehensive evaluation strategy to assess the adoption of the Expansion of the Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program (CUSP) for CLABSI and CAUTI in ICUs with persistently elevated rates; measure the effectiveness of the interventions in the participating units; and evaluate the characteristics of teams that are associated with successful implementation and improvements in outcomes.

The evaluation of this data collection is largely foundational in nature as AHRQ seeks information on the implementation and effectiveness of the CUSP for CLABSI and CAUTI in ICUs with persistently elevated rates. The evaluation of the tools above will utilize a pre-post design, comparing practices, policies and procedures before and after participating in the program.

Estimated Annual Respondent Burden
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*c Based on the mean wages for 29–1141 Registered Nurse.
*d Based on the mean wages for 29–1089 Physicians and Surgeons, All other.


**Request for Comments**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, comments on AHRQ’s information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ’s health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ’s estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency’s subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Karen J. Migdail,
Chief of Staff.
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by room seating. Time will be available for public comment. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting. Comments should be submitted in writing by email to the contact person listed below. The deadline for receipt is February 14, 2018. Written comments must include full name, address, organizational affiliation, email address of the speaker, topic being addressed and specific comments. Written comments must not exceed one single-spaced typed page with 1-inch margins containing all items above. Only those written comments received 10 business days in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. Public comments made in attendance must be no longer than 3 minutes and the person giving comments must attend the public comment session at the start time listed on the agenda. Time for public comments may start before the time indicated on the agenda. The meeting will be webcast live via the World Wide Web; for instructions and more information on ACIP please visit the ACIP website: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 21, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., EDT, and February 22, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Tom Harkin Global Communications Center, Kent ‘Oz’ Nelson Auditorium, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Stephanie Thomas, ACIP Committee Management Specialist, CDC, NCIRD. Email ACIP@cdc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose:** The committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC, on the use of immunizing agents. In addition, under 42 U.S.C. 1396s, the committee is mandated to establish and periodically review and, as appropriate, revise the