What is this project? CDC will be collecting clinical information from 200 nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities beginning in spring 2017 to gain a better understanding of how infections affect residents and drive the use of antibiotics in these healthcare settings. CDC will use the information collected to:

- Identify how best to support infection prevention and antibiotic stewardship programs.
- Create resources to monitor and reduce infections and antibiotic use.

Why is this project important? Older adults are more vulnerable to the harms from antibiotic overuse. Some of these harms include *Clostridium difficile* and adverse drug events. Yet, antibiotics are among the most frequently prescribed medications in these settings.

Understanding more about how infections are identified, diagnosed, and treated with antibiotics can help to:

- Identify practice improvements
- Focus infection prevention efforts
- Decrease inappropriate antibiotic use

How will participation help my facility? By participating, your facility can:

- Improve awareness of how infections are identified and how antibiotics are used.
- Receive resources to support efforts to monitor infections and antibiotic use.
- Be recognized as a partner in a CDC-supported project.

What will my facility have to do to participate in this project? Facilities will need to identify a staff member as the project team leader (i.e. Medical Director, Director of Nursing, Infection Control/Prevention Officer) who can dedicate approximately 8 hours in the spring/summer of 2017 to:

- **Participate in project training session.**
- **Complete a questionnaire** on your facility’s infection and antibiotic use practices and policies.
- **Schedule a date for a prevalence survey** with project staff to share demographic and clinical information on residents in your facility on that date.
- **Meet with project staff at your facility** and provide access to resident medical records for project staff to review.

Where can I find out more information about this project? Contact your state Emerging Infections Program (EIP) project coordinator: Susan Morabit, HAI Prevalence Coordinator - smorabit@gaeip.org

Learn more about CDC’s Emerging Infections Program by visiting: [www.cdc.gov/hai/eip/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hai/eip/index.html)

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