Where does SHEA stand?

SHEA advocates strongly for federal investments in research for preventing HAIs. SHEA encourages Congress to appropriate funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality including: 1) A minimum of $40.2 million dedicated research in preventing HAIs within the patient safety portfolio; 2) A minimum of $52.9 million for investigator-initiated research; and 3) A minimum of $12 million for combating antibiotic resistance.

SHEA believes the important work of the CDC Prevention Epicenters must continue to be funded at a level that provides for a minimum of $6 million per year. SHEA strongly advocates for CDC funding to allow for new grants at the conclusion of the current grant cycle for Prevention Epicenters.

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Policy Resource Center Fact Sheets:
Research Investments to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections

Federal government created programs for the purpose of preventing the spread of HAIs

- National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
- CDC’s Modeling Infectious Diseases in Healthcare Network (MiND – Healthcare)
- AHRQs investigator-initiated research grants for HAI prevention
- CDC’s Safety and Healthcare Epidemiology Prevention Research Development (SHEPheRD) Program
- CDC’s Prevention Epicenters Program

What will SHEA do next?

SHEA will maintain a sustained advocacy campaign in support of investments in preventing healthcare-associated infections. SHEA advocates are encouraged to connect with their elected representatives and encourage them to support this important research and vote for sustained funding to protect Americans.

How can I get involved?

SHEA understands and appreciates your desire to stay informed and to get directly involved in SHEA’s next steps. To receive regular updates and instructions on how to get involved, join SHEA’s Grassroots Network by texting PREVENTION to 52886 or emailing grassroots@shea-online.org with the subject line “Subscribe.”

Resources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Healthcare-associated Infections
- National Action Plan to Prevent Health Care-Associated Infections: Road Map to Elimination

Find direct links to each of these resources by going to shea-online.org. Navigate to “The Policy Resource Center” under the “Policy” tab to find this electronic fact sheet.

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