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Dear Infection Control Professional:

Enclosed is a data summary sheet representing healthcare acquired infection (HAI) data for your hospital for calendar year 2009. These data were submitted by your hospital to the Office of Health Policy and Research (OHPR) as required by ORS 442.445 and OAR 409-023-0000 through 409-023-0035. This summary sheet will be included in the first Annual HAI Reporting Public Report to be issued by OHPR on April 30, 2010.

In accordance with OAR 409-023-0020, you have until 5 pm on March 31, 2010 to review these data and provide any corrections or comments.

The purpose of the attached data summary sheet is to allow hospitals to review and correct their data. Once corrections and comments are received and incorporated, we will apply thresholds for reporting in the final report. For public reporting purposes, the thresholds are 50 or more central line days for central line associated bloodstream infections, and 20 or more procedures for surgical site infections and the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) measurements. If data from your hospital does not meet these thresholds, it will be flagged as “too few events to report” and no data will be reported.

For those hospitals which perform coronary bypass surgery, please note that the data for chest only incision and chest and donor site incision were combined for reporting purposes, as there were very few chest only incision surgeries reported.

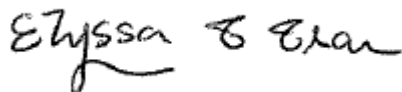
Since this is the first year of data collection, and the data are not yet validated, OHPR plans to include a section in the report that cautions readers on the interpretation of the data (i.e., does low infection rate mean superior infection control protocols or weak data collection procedures).

Procedure for Corrections. If you wish to submit a correction for data entered into NHSN, you need to (1) enter the revisions in NHSN and (2) send Jeanne Negley an email (jeanne.negley@state.or.us) stating which data were revised (i.e., survey data, central line, knee prosthesis, or coronary bypass surgery). Jeanne will respond within two business days regarding receipt of your correction.

Procedure for Comments. If you wish to submit comments for your data, we have reserved a section on this one-page summary sheet to provide a link to a web site maintained by OHPR that will list submitted comments per hospital. When submitting comments, you can either (1) include your written comments or (2) include a link to a hospital web site that you specify. Therefore, to submit comments, send an email to Jeanne Negley (jeanne.negley@state.or.us) and in the email provide either your comments or a link to a web site. Jeanne will respond within two business days regarding receipt of your correction.

Any correction or comments must be submitted according to the procedures outlined above by 5 pm on March 31, 2010. If you have any questions about the report or the HAI program, please contact Jeanne Negley (jeanne.negley@state.or.us or 503-373-1793).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elyssa Tran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a stylized "T".

Elyssa Tran, MPA
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Enclosure: Hospital HAI Data Summary Sheet