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CORHA News
CORHA Presentations from the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases.

- **Assessment of HAI/AR Outbreak Detection Data, Tools and Barriers**. Highlights results from a CORHA-led assessment on the type of data tools and sources used by public health and healthcare facilities for HAI outbreak detection.
- Full ICEID program and abstracts available [here](#).

CORHA Kicks Off New Workgroup on Legal and Policy Considerations Related to Outbreaks (Policy Workgroup).
CORHA recently kicked off its new workgroup dedicated to HAI-related policy issues. The workgroup's charge is to address the legal and policy considerations related to HAI/AR outbreak response, and make recommendations to improve reporting, investigation, and notification policies and practices. Dr. Dawn Terashita, Chief of the Healthcare Outreach Unit at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Acute Communicable Disease Control Program and Dr. Maureen Tierney, HAI/AR Program Manager at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services are serving as the initial Co-Chairs of this workgroup.
Recent Journal and News Articles
Follow the links provided below to access the abstracts; a subscription might be required to access full articles.

- **Epidemiologic characteristics of health care–associated outbreaks and lessons learned from multiple outbreak investigations with a focus on the usefulness of routine molecular analysis.** Kanamori et al. *Am J Infect Control.* 2018 Aug. [Subscription required]
- **Use of real-time semi quantitative PCR data in management of a neonatal intensive care unit adenovirus outbreak.** Hysmith et al. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol.* 2018 Sep. [Subscription required]
- **'Vampire Facial' Becomes Actual Horror as N.M. Spa Clients Face HIV Testing.** Amy Held. *NPR.* 2018 Sept.

Partner Spotlight
The Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Task Force (ARSTF) recently released its *Year 2 Report and Recommendations for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance in the United States.* Recommendations in this report, such as broadening the scope of Electronic Laboratory Reporting to include antimicrobial resistance data, will foster improved detection of novel resistance mechanisms and clusters. Visit the [ARSTF website](#) for more information about the report and the work of the Task Force.

Share Information and Resources with CORHA
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