**2017 CHAIN Fall Conference & Award for Excellence**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017   
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.   
Earle Brown Heritage Center**

**Cost: Free**

The Minnesota Collaborative Healthcare-Associated Infection Network (CHAIN) presents the [2017 CHAIN Fall Conference](http://www.mnreducinghais.org/conference/index.html). Join us to learn about the latest evidence-based approaches for reducing and preventing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and antibiotic resistance in Minnesota.

As in 2016, we will recognize this year's winner of the [2017 CHAIN Award for Excellence](http://www.mnreducinghais.org/award/index.html). If you know of a team that has done great work to reduce the incidence of HAIs or combat antibiotic resistance, please check out the award page and consider submitting a nomination.

**Audience**

Patient safety and quality staff, infection preventionists, nurse managers, nurses, physicians, pharmacists, and any other professionals working in hospitals, long term care, community care, or outpatient settings to prevent HAIs and combat antibiotic resistance.

**Objectives­**

* Recognize exceptional efforts to reduce healthcare-associated infections and antibiotic resistance in Minnesota through presentation of the CHAIN Award for Excellence
* Hear about approaches for reinforcing appropriate testing for infections
* Engage in an interactive discussion regarding the challenges and opportunities for preventing and treating infections during care transitions
* Explore antibiotic stewardship program implementation and actions across settings of care
* Share proven practices for developing and maintaining a strong hand hygiene program

**Register**

1. [**Click here**](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=voutoqmab&oeidk=a07eeayfe1t69e178ec) to register.
2. Enter the information as prompted.
3. You will receive an email confirmation.  
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**Agenda**Agenda is forthcoming.

**Handouts**  
Handouts will be made available prior to the event.

[Event listing](http://www.mnreducinghais.org/conference/index.html).

**Contact**

For questions regarding the conference, contact Sarah Brinkman, 952-853-8552, [sbrinkman@stratishealth.org](mailto:sbrinkman@stratishealth.org)

**Continuing Education Credits and Contact Hours for Health Professionals**Attendees will receive a certificate of attendance following completion of a post-conference online evaluation survey. Attendees are responsible for determining if this program meets the criteria for licensure or recertification for their discipline.

**Special Accommodations**

CHAIN wants to ensure everyone can participate in its programs and events. If you anticipate needing any type of special accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Sarah Brinkman, 952-853-8552, sbrinkman@stratishealth.org. in advance of your participation.

**About CHAIN**   
The Collaborative Healthcare-Associated Infections Network (CHAIN) represents a partnership formed in 2011 between the Minnesota Chapter of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC-Minnesota), the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Hospital Association, and Stratis Health. In early 2017, CHAIN expanded membership to include organizations representing providers across care settings. CHAIN coordinates across the continuum of health care delivery, and supports patients, individuals, and their families to prevent harm from infections acquired in the process of care and combat antibiotic resistance.