

BRING YOUR VOICE TO THE TABLE

Join the Healthcare-Associated Infections Advisory Committee (HAIAC)

What is the HAIAC?

Oregon's lawmakers passed House Bill 2524 in 2007, creating the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program. The HAI Program works to understand and reduce patient infections that occur as a result of the healthcare they receive.

The HAI Advisory Committee (HAIAC) is a multidisciplinary group of stakeholders and partners including healthcare providers, consumers, insurers, and other experts. It provides oversight and advises the HAI Program regarding HAI surveillance and prevention.

How can I get involved?

- *Come to our next meeting.* Anyone is welcome to attend and participate. Tell us your thoughts about how we can best address HAIs in Oregon.
- *Help set our agenda.* Let us know what topics you would like to see covered in the future. Even better: present your work to the HAIAC during an upcoming meeting!
- *Become a member.* HAIAC membership is an opportunity to provide input and expertise, help guide our work, and stay informed about our program's activities. Members commit to a two-year term and attend as many meetings as possible. There are no additional time commitments. Current vacancies are:
 - Hospital administrator with expertise in infection control at a small facility (<100 beds)
 - Consumer or patient advocate (this includes patients and family members)
 - Health insurer representative
 - Representative of the OPSC who does not represent a healthcare provider on the commission
 - Chairperson (must be a current HAIAC member)

What else do I need to know?

- Meetings last two hours, and occur quarterly in March, June, September, and December.
- You can either join meetings in person at the Portland State Office Building (800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon) or remotely via webinar. No travel is required.
- To register for an upcoming meeting or to view materials from past meetings, visit the HAIAC webpage. <https://go.usa.gov/xpRgr>

To apply to become a member, sign up for future meeting invitations, or to find out more, please contact:

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