

Proposed Project

DOP Cross-Site Evaluation of Overdose Data to Action Program—New—National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Overdose Data to Action Program (OD2A) is a comprehensive, national overdose prevention program developed by CDC’s NCIPC. The purpose of the OD2A program is to support funded jurisdictions in obtaining high quality, complete, and timely data on opioid prescribing and overdoses, and to use those data to inform prevention and response efforts. The OD2A (CDC–RFA–CE19–1904) funds a total of 66 recipients (state and local health

departments) to implement surveillance and prevention strategies, through a three-year cooperative agreement. OD2A funded recipients consist of 47 state-, 16 city/county-, and three district/territory-level jurisdictions.

The purpose of this information collection is to assess the implementation and the effectiveness of the OD2A program activities and identify the conditions under which these activities are most effective. Activities include key informant interviews (KII) and focus groups (FG), and are focused on the tools needed to evaluate the unique OD2A program.

The implementation evaluation will identify the barriers and facilitators associated with deploying several prevention activities targeting specific populations within specific

jurisdictions. The outcome evaluation will assess short term (e.g., increased awareness and coordination of linkages to care) and intermediate (e.g., increased provider, health system, and payer awareness of and supports for guideline-concordant opioid prescribing, non-opioid medications, and non-pharmacological treatments) outcomes.

Data collected from this evaluation will be used by the CDC to obtain valid information regarding how recipients operationalized and implemented their chosen prevention activities, assess the impact of OD2A and different components of OD2A on the trajectory of the opioid epidemic, and through the provision of these data back to the recipients, improve the implementation and impact of further OD2A prevention activities.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response	Total burden (hours)	
Jurisdictions implementing OD2A program (e.g., PMs, Pls, SSLs, PSLs, Partners, or Stakeholders).	Key Informant Interview Guides	288	1	60	288	
	Focus Group Guides	252	1	90	378	
	Permission to be recorded	540	1	5	45	
	Interview Recruitment Email	288	1	5	24	
	Focus Group Recruitment Email	252	1	5	21	
	Interview Recruitment Reminder Email.	288	1	5	24	
	Focus Group Recruitment Reminder Email.	252	1	5	21	
	Post-information Collection Follow up Email.	540	1	5	45	
	Total	846

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of

its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on the CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). NHSN is a public health surveillance system that collects, analyzes, reports, and makes available data for monitoring, measuring, and responding to healthcare associated infections (HAIs), antimicrobial use and resistance, blood transfusion safety events, and the extent to which healthcare facilities adhere to infection prevention practices and antimicrobial stewardship.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before August 14, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2020–0065 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to *Regulations.gov*.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office,

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: omb@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
 2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
 4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.
5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) (OMB Control No. 0920-0666)—Revision—National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infection Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP), National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) collects data from healthcare facilities in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) under OMB Control Number 0920-0666. NHSN provides facilities,

states, regions, and the nation with data necessary to identify problem areas, measure the progress of prevention efforts, and ultimately eliminate healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) nationwide. NHSN allows healthcare facilities to track blood safety errors and various healthcare-associated infection prevention practice methods such as healthcare personnel influenza vaccine status and corresponding infection control adherence rates.

NHSN currently has six components: Patient Safety (PS), Healthcare Personnel Safety (HPS), Biovigilance (BV), Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF), Outpatient Procedure (OPC), and the Dialysis Component. NHSN's planned Neonatal Component is expected to launch during the winter of 2020/2021. This component will focus on premature neonates and the healthcare-associated events that occur as a result of their prematurity. This component will be released with one module, which includes Late Onset Sepsis and Meningitis. Late-onset sepsis (LOS) and Meningitis are common complications of extreme prematurity. These infections are usually serious, causing a prolongation of hospital stay, increased cost, and risk of morbidity and mortality. The data for this module will be electronically submitted, and manual data entry will not be available. This will allow more hospital personnel to be available to care for patients and will reduce annual burden across healthcare facilities. Additionally, LOS data will be utilized for prevention initiatives.

Data reported under the Patient Safety Component are used to determine the magnitude of the healthcare-associated adverse events and trends in the rates of the events, in the distribution of pathogens, and in the adherence to prevention practices. Data will help detect changes in the epidemiology of adverse events resulting from new medical therapies and changing patient risks. Additionally, reported data is being used to describe the epidemiology of antimicrobial use and resistance and to better understand the relationship of antimicrobial therapy to this rising problem.

Approved as a New Emergency ICR (National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Patient Impact Module for Coronavirus (COVID-19) Surveillance in Healthcare Facilities, OMB Control No. 0920-1290), NHSN launched a COVID-19 Module in the Patient Safety Component on March 27th, 2020. This Module is designed to collect facility-level COVID-19 data on cases, deaths, capacity, healthcare worker staffing shortages, and personal protective equipment and supplies from hospitals

on a daily basis. Facility-level data collected through NSHN as part of the COVID-19 Module are being made available to a broader set of Federal, state, and local agency data users than data typically collected by NHSN. Specifically, COVID-19 data at the state, county, territory, and facility level submitted to NHSN will continue to be used for public health emergency response activities by CDC's emergency COVID-19 response, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') COVID-19 tracking system maintained in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response as part of the National Response Coordination Center at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and by the White House Coronavirus Task Force.

Under the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component, protocols and data on events—both positive and adverse—are used to determine (1) the magnitude of adverse events in healthcare personnel, and (2) compliance with immunization and sharps injuries safety guidelines. Under the Biovigilance Component, data on adverse reactions and incidents associated with blood transfusions are reported and analyzed to provide national estimates of adverse reactions and incidents. Under the Long-Term Care Facility Component, data is captured from skilled nursing facilities. Reporting methods under the LTCF component have been created by using forms from the PS Component as a model with modifications to specifically address the specific characteristics of LTCF residents and the unique data needs of these facilities reporting into NHSN. A new form has been introduced for field testing—Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI)—not to be used by NHSN users, but as part of an EIP project with 4 EIP sites. Form title will be *Denominators for Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs): Respiratory Tract Infections*. The purpose of this form is to allow testing prior to introducing a new module and forms to NHSN users. The CDC's Epidemiology Research & Innovations Branch (ERIB) team will use the form to perform field testing of variables to explore the utilization, applicability, and data collection burden associated with these variables. This process will inform areas of improvement prior to incorporating the new module, including protocol, forms, and instructions into NHSN. The estimated burden for this form is 20 minutes, which is based on a similar denominator form. Also approved under New Emergency ICR 0920-1290, NHSN

launched a COVID-19 Module in the Long-Term Care Component April 27th, 2020. As with the COVID-19 Module in the PS Component, the LTC COVID-19 Module is designed to collect facility-level COVID-19 data on cases, deaths, capacity, healthcare worker staffing shortages, and personal protective equipment and supplies from long-term care facilities on at least a weekly basis. Facility-level data collected through NHSN as part of the COVID-19 Module are being made available to a broader set of Federal, state, and local agency data users than data typically collected by NHSN. Specifically, COVID-19 data at the state, county, territory, and facility level submitted to NHSN will continue to be used for public health emergency response activities by CDC's emergency COVID-19 response, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS') COVID-19 tracking system maintained in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response as part of the National Response Coordination Center at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and by the White House Coronavirus Task Force.

The Dialysis Component offers a simplified user interface for dialysis users to streamline their data entry and analyses processes as well as provide options for expanding in the future to include dialysis surveillance in settings other than outpatient facilities. The Outpatient Procedure Component (OPC) gathers data on the impact of infections and outcomes related to operative procedures performed in Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs). The OPC is used to monitor two event types: Same Day Outcome Measures and Surgical Site Infections (SSIs). NHSN has increasingly served as the operating system for HAI reporting compliance

through legislation established by the states. As of April 2020, 36 states, the District of Columbia and the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania have opted to use NHSN as their primary system for mandated reporting. Reporting compliance is completed by healthcare facilities in their respective jurisdictions, with emphasis on those states and municipalities acquiring varying consequences for failure to use NHSN. Additionally, healthcare facilities in five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands) are voluntarily reporting to NHSN. Additional territories are projected to follow with similar use of NHSN for reporting purposes.

NHSN's data is used to aid in the tracking of HAIs and guide infection prevention activities/practices that protect patients. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other payers use these data to determine incentives for performance at healthcare facilities across the US and surrounding territories, and members of the public may use some protected data to inform their selection among available providers. Each of these parties is dependent on the completeness and accuracy of the data. CDC and CMS work closely and are fully committed to ensuring complete and accurate reporting, which are critical for protecting patients and guiding national, state, and local prevention priorities.

CMS collects some HAI data and healthcare personnel influenza vaccination summary data, which is done on a voluntary basis as part of its Fee-for-Service Medicare quality reporting programs, while others may report data required by a federal

mandate. Facilities that fail to report quality measure data are subject to partial payment reduction in the applicable Medicare Fee-for-Service payment system. CMS links their quality reporting to payment for Medicare-eligible acute care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, long-term acute care facilities, oncology hospitals, inpatient psychiatric facilities, dialysis facilities, and ambulatory surgery centers. Facilities report HAI data and healthcare personnel influenza vaccination summary data to CMS via NHSN as part of CMS's quality reporting programs to receive full payment. Still, many healthcare facilities, even in states without HAI reporting legislation, submit limited HAI data to NHSN voluntarily. NHSN's data collection updates continue to support the incentive programs managed by CMS. For example, survey questions support requirements for CMS' quality reporting programs. Additionally, CDC has collaborated with CMS on a voluntary National Nursing Home Quality Collaborative, which focuses on recruiting nursing homes to report HAI data to NHSN and to retain their continued participation. This project has resulted in a significant increase in long-term care facilities reporting to NHSN.

The ICR previously approved in December of 2019 for 5,352,360 responses; 3,113,631 burden hours. The proposed changes in this new ICR include revisions to eight data collection forms and the addition of ten new forms for a total of 86 proposed data collection forms. In this Revision, CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 2,365,743 annual burden hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Form No. & name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (min./hour)	Total burden (hours)
57.100 NHSN Registration Form	2,000	1	5/60	167
57.101 Facility Contact Information	2,000	1	10/60	333
57.103 Patient Safety Component—Annual Hospital Survey	6,765	1	55/60	6,201
57.105 Group Contact Information	1,000	1	5/60	83
57.106 Patient Safety Monthly Reporting Plan	7,821	12	15/60	23,463
57.108 Primary Bloodstream Infection (BSI)	5,775	5	38/60	18,288
57.111 Pneumonia (PNEU)	1,800	2	30/60	18,288
57.112 Ventilator-Associated Event	5,463	8	28/60	20,395
57.113 Pediatric Ventilator-Associated Event (PedVAE)	334	1	30/60	167
57.114 Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)	6,000	5	20/60	10,000
57.115 Custom Event	600	91	35/60	31,850
57.116 Denominators for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)	1,100	12	4/60	880
57.117 Denominators for Specialty Care Area (SCA)/Oncology (ONC)	500	12	5/60	503
57.118 Denominators for Intensive Care Unit (ICU)/Other locations (not NICU or SCA)	5,500	60	5/60	27,665
57.120 Surgical Site Infection (SSI)	6,000	9	35/60	31,500

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Form No. & name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (min./hour)	Total burden (hours)
57.121 Denominator for Procedure	6,000	602	10/60	602,000
57.122 HAI Progress Report State Health Department Survey	55	1	28/60	26
57.123 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Microbiology Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables	2,500	12	5/60	1,500
57.124 Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR)-Pharmacy Data Electronic Upload Specification Tables	2,000	12	5/60	2,000
57.125 Central Line Insertion Practices Adherence Monitoring	500	213	25/60	44,375
57.126 MDRO or CDI Infection Form	720	12	30/60	3,960
57.127 MDRO and CDI Prevention Process and Outcome Measures Monthly Monitoring	5,500	29	15/60	39,875
57.128 Laboratory-identified MDRO or CDI Event	4,800	79	20/60	126,400
57.129 Adult Sepsis	50	250	25/60	5,208
57.130 COVID-19 Module: Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity	3,117	540	25/60	701,325
57.131 COVID-19 Module: Healthcare Worker Staffing	3,117	540	25/60	701,325
57.132 COVID-19 Module: Supplies	3,117	540	25/60	701,325
57.135 Late Onset Sepsis/Meningitis Denominator Form: Data Table for monthly electronic upload	300	12	5/60	300
57.136 Late Onset Sepsis/Meningitis Event Form: Data Table for Monthly Electronic Upload	300	4	5/60	100
57.137 Long-Term Care Facility Component—Annual Facility Survey	3,079	1	1/60	51
57.138 Laboratory-identified MDRO or CDI Event for LTCF	1,998	24	12/60	9,590
57.139 MDRO and CDI Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for LTCF	1,998	12	12/60	4,795
57.140 Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) for LTCF	339	12	12/60	814
57.141 Monthly Reporting Plan for LTCF	2,011	12	12/60	4,826
57.142 Denominators for LTCF Locations	339	12	250/60	814
57.143 Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for LTCF	130	12	12/60	312
57.144 LTCF COVID-19 Module: Resident Impact and Facility Capacity	14,674	26	20/60	127,175
57.145 LTCF COVID-19 Module: Staff and Personnel Impact	14,674	26	15/60	95,381
57.146 LTCF COVID-19 Module: Supplies and PPE	14,674	26	5/60	31,794
57.147 LTCF COVID-19 Module: Ventilator Capacity and Supplies	14,674	26	5/60	31,794
57.150 LTAC Annual Survey	620	1	10/60	10
57.151 Rehab Annual Survey	1,340	1	10/60	625
57.200 Healthcare Personnel Safety Component Annual Facility Survey	50	1	480/60	400
57.203 Healthcare Personnel Safety Monthly Reporting Plan	50	1	5/60	400
57.204 Healthcare Worker Demographic Data	50	200	20/60	3,333
57.205 Exposure to Blood/Body Fluids	50	50	60/60	2,500
57.206 Healthcare Worker Prophylaxis/Treatment	50	30	15/60	375
57.207 Follow-Up Laboratory Testing	50	50	15/60	625
57.210 Healthcare Worker Prophylaxis/Treatment-Influenza	50	50	10/60	417
57.300 Hemovigilance Module Annual Survey	500	1	85/60	708
57.301 Hemovigilance Module Monthly Reporting Plan	500	12	1/60	100
57.303 Hemovigilance Module Monthly Reporting Denominators	500	12	70/60	7,000
57.305 Hemovigilance Incident	500	10	10/60	833
57.306 Hemovigilance Module Annual Survey—Non-acute care facility	500	1	35/60	292
57.307 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Acute Hemolytic Transfusion Reaction	500	4	20/60	667
57.308 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Allergic Transfusion Reaction	500	4	20/60	667
57.309 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Delayed Hemolytic Transfusion Reaction	500	1	20/60	167
57.310 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Delayed Serologic Transfusion Reaction	500	2	20/60	333
57.311 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Febrile Non-hemolytic Transfusion Reaction	500	4	20/60	667
57.312 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Hypotensive Transfusion Reaction	500	1	20/60	167
57.313 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Infection	500	1	20/60	167
57.314 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Post Transfusion Purpura	500	1	20/60	167
57.315 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Transfusion Associated Dyspnea	500	1	20/60	167
57.316 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Transfusion Associated Graft vs. Host Disease	500	1	20/60	167
57.317 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury	500	1	20/60	167
57.318 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Transfusion Associated Circulatory Overload	500	2	20/60	333
57.319 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Unknown Transfusion Reaction ..	500	1	20/60	167
57.320 Hemovigilance Adverse Reaction—Other Transfusion Reaction	500	1	20/60	167
57.400 Outpatient Procedure Component—Annual Facility Survey	700	1	10/60	117
57.401 Outpatient Procedure Component—Monthly Reporting Plan	700	12	15/60	2,100

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS—Continued

Form No. & name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (min./hour)	Total burden (hours)
57.402 Outpatient Procedure Component Same Day Outcome Measures	200	1	40/60	133
57.403 Outpatient Procedure Component—Monthly Denominators for Same Day Outcome Measures	200	400	40/60	53,333
57.404 Outpatient Procedure Component—SSI Denominator	700	100	40/60	46,667
57.405 Outpatient Procedure Component—Surgical Site (SSI) Event	700	5	40/60	2,333
57.500 Outpatient Dialysis Center Practices Survey	7,200	1	127/60	15,240
57.501 Dialysis Monthly Reporting Plan	7,200	12	5/60	7,200
57.502 Dialysis Event	7,200	30	25/60	90,000
57.503 Denominator for Outpatient Dialysis	7,200	30	10/60	14,400
57.504 Prevention Process Measures Monthly Monitoring for Dialysis	1,730	12	75/60	25,950
57.505 Dialysis Patient Influenza Vaccination	615	50	10/60	5,125
57.506 Dialysis Patient Influenza Vaccination Denominator	615	5	10/60	513
57.507 Home Dialysis Center Practices Survey	430	1	30/60	215
Total				2,365,743

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled Information Collection for Tuberculosis Data from Referring Entities to CureTB to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on December 23, 2019 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC did not receive comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including, through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570. Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

Proposed Project

Information Collection for Tuberculosis Data from Referring Entities to CureTB (OMB Control No.

0920-1186, Exp. 06/30/2020)—Revision—National Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CureTB at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) works with domestic and international programs to protect the U.S. public by preventing tuberculosis (TB) disease transmission domestically and internationally, as well as preventing the development of drug resistant TB. These goals are accomplished through CureTB referral and continuity of care services for mobile TB patients.

Lack of treatment adherence and inappropriate selection of medications are prime reasons for the continued emergence and spread of resistant strains of tuberculosis. To combat this, CureTB ensures that patients understand how to remain adherent to treatment regimens, despite moving between nations. CureTB also provides information to the health care team that will be continuing care about each patient’s TB strain and tailored medication regimen. CureTB gathers demographic and clinical information for each patient and connects that individual to appropriate clinical care. This information is also provided on a real-time basis to medical providers and public health authorities in receiving nations so that follow-up with the patient can be expedited.

The respondents are local health departments (LHD) or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centers within the United States and foreign national TB programs or healthcare facilities in other countries that provide diagnostic and treatment services to individuals affected by TB.