**Toolkit Conclusion**

**Future Research**

The members of the HAI DAPS workgroup hope that this toolkit will be helpful in enhancing the HAI reports of state health departments and other organizations, or in aiding those who are creating HAI reports for the first time.

This toolkit is one significant step in working toward HAI data analysis and presentation standardization, but the workgroup members acknowledge that the toolkit is not exhaustive and may not suit all stakeholders’ needs. Additional research, evaluation, and public health practice will help inform toolkit enhancements. The workgroup encourages organizations to adopt the toolkit principles as feasible, and toolkit users are encouraged to complete the evaluation and share lessons learned from their toolkit implementation experiences.

Despite the gains in knowledge over the past years regarding presenting quality data effectively, more research is needed to determine how to make the information most useful to consumers. The workgroup recognizes that many factors go into consumers’ decisions on where to seek medical care, and that publicly reported HAI data are often *not* utilized to their fullest potential. As stewards of HAI data and public health practitioners, it should be our goal and responsibility to not only make these data publicly available, but to educate the community and present the data in such a way as to make the report approachable for different audiences. Raising public awareness of HAI reports is the first step in increasing transparency to empower individuals to consider these reports when making personal medical decisions and to motivate healthcare providers to drive change within the healthcare facility. The “Dissemination Strategies” chapter of the toolkit outlines practical ways to disseminate your report and offers guidance around how to reach your intended audience.

The HAI DAPS workgroup welcomes your feedback on any or all portions of this toolkit; we plan to improve and expand the toolkit as needed. We look forward to working together with organizations and stakeholders to promote standardized HAI data analyses and presentation techniques.