

Fold each printed sheet in half lengthwise. The left side of the document will list the term and the right side will list the definition. Tape or staple the open edges of your flashcards. Cut out your flashcards on the solid lines indicated and fold them on the dotted lines.

Module 3
Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Categorical data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System © 2025

Data split into mutually exclusive groups.

Module 3
Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Continuous data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System © 2025

Data that can be measured on a continuum or scale.

Module 3
Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Demographic data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System © 2025

Data that is socio-economic in nature (e.g., age, sex, race).

Module 3
Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Discrete data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System © 2025

Data representing whole numbers.

Module 3
Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Event data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System © 2025

Data related to high-volume, high-risk events within a facility (e.g., HAIs, immunization rates).

Module 3
Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Process data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System © 2025

Data related to facility protocols and practices (e.g., standard precautions, environmental cleaning).

Module 3
Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Qualitative data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System © 2025

Data representing qualities or characteristics.

Module 3
Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Quantitative data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System © 2025

Data representing counts or values on a numeric scale.

Module 3

Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Surveillance criteria

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System

© 2025

Specific conditions that qualify as infections for the purpose of surveillance data collection; they are also used in the calculation and reporting of infection rates.

Module 3

Section A: Data Types and Standard Definitions

Term
Time data

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System

© 2025

Data bound by a unit of time (e.g., month, year).

Module 3

Section B: Using Standard Workflows and Common Tools

Term
Workflow

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System

© 2025

The sequence of steps involved in moving from the beginning to the end of a working process.

Module 3

Section C: Tools for Use in Process Surveillance

Term
Audits

APIC M-Surveillance Learning System

© 2025

Direct observations of HCP practices in the healthcare setting, often facilitated using checklists.

Module 3

*Section C: Tools for Use in Process
Surveillance*

Term

Hawthorne effect

When individuals modify their behavior in response to their awareness of being observed.