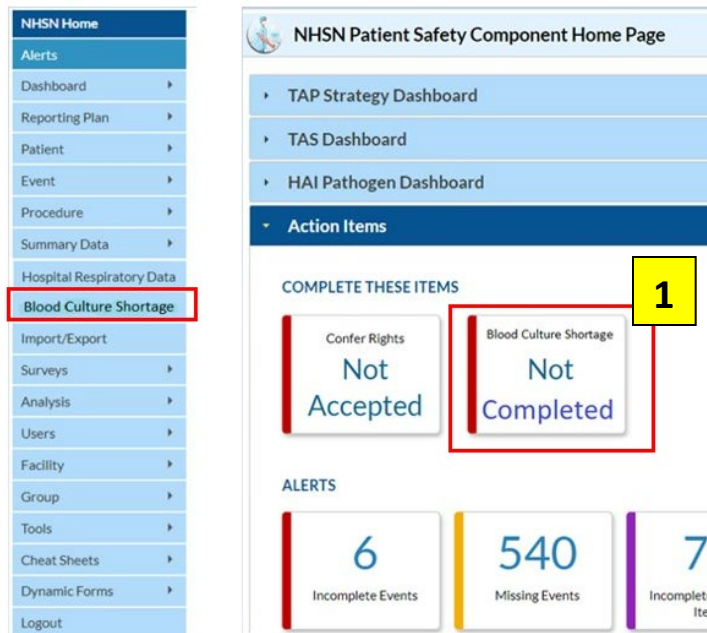


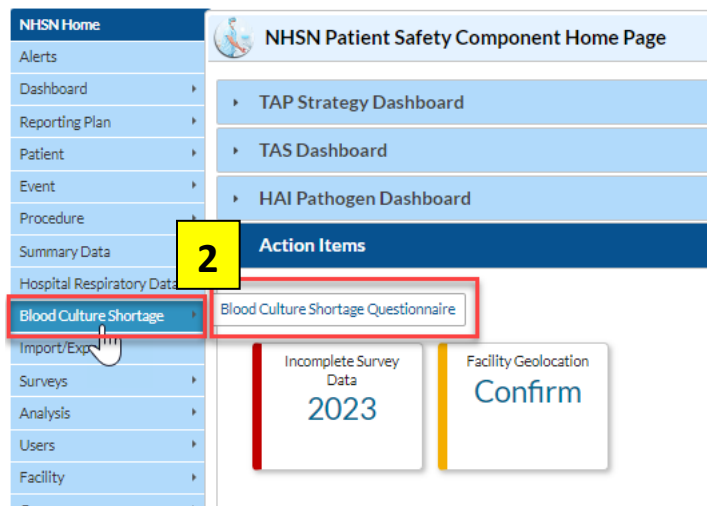
# Blood Culture Shortage Questionnaire 2024 Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. How do I access the Blood Culture Shortage Questionnaire?

The questionnaire will be available within the NHSN application for facilities reporting in the Patient Safety Component (PSC) and can be accessed in two ways: 1) from the NHSN PSC Home Page in the application find the “Action Items” tab then locate the “Blood Culture Shortage” tile in the “Complete These Items” section OR 2) navigate to the left menu bar and select “Blood Culture Shortage”.



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**2. How long will it take me to complete the questionnaire?**

It is estimated that the questionnaire takes 20 minutes to complete. NHSN recommends seeking input from appropriate resources and leadership within your facility to obtain the requested information.

**3. Where can I find more information on completing the questionnaire?**

A table of instructions (TOI) document can be found on the [Patient Safety Component website](#).

If questions remain, please contact NHSN using the NHSN-ServiceNow portal by logging into SAMS: <https://sams.cdc.gov> using the short description “Blood Culture Shortage”.

**4. How do I indicate if my facility does not stock one of the blood culture product types listed in Question 3 of the questionnaire?**

If your facility does not stock a specific product type noted in Question 3, enter the value ‘9999’ for “not applicable.”

**5. Is the questionnaire required to complete?**

We strongly encourage facilities to complete the questionnaire. While it is not mandatory, we do know that the shortage may affect a facility’s healthcare-associated infection (HAI) surveillance processes.