

Steps in Evaluating Electronic Surveillance Systems for Potential Incorporation into a Facility

Step #	Description
1	Involve all key stakeholders in the evaluation process.
2	Develop a list of requirements a system must have and a list of requirements that would be nice to have.
	Interview vendors who develop facility-specific systems.
4	Ask the different vendors to demonstrate a standard scenario, such as retrieving all positive cultures for a specific organism for a specific unit within a designated time frame.
5	Ask other users of the systems under evaluation whether they are satisfied with the system.
6	Create side-by-side vendor comparisons of the specific functions of the systems (for example, event alerts, rate and trending analyses, messaging/data collection transfer to the National Healthcare Safety Network).
7	Determine the resources and time that would be needed to implement and maintain each system.
8	Evaluate the flexibility of the system and its ability to adapt to changing needs.