

Table 1 Structure of the national notifiable diseases surveillance system in selected countries

| Structure | Australia | United States of America | Islamic Republic of Iran | |
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| | | | Current | Proposed |
| Deciding organizations at national level | National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (Department of Health and Ageing) | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Department of Health and Human Services) | Iranian Centre for Disease Control (Ministry of Health and Medical Education) | Iranian Centre for Disease Control |
| Deciding organizations | National Health and Medical Research Council, in collaboration with territorial and state health authorities | Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, in collaboration with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | National Committee of National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System reform affiliated to Iranian Centre for Disease Control | Health Information Management Deputy Health Information Management Advisory Committee |
| Contributing organizations in data collection throughout the country | Public health units Territorial health authorities State health authorities Department of Health and Ageing | Territorial health departments State health departments Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Public health unit District health unit Territorial health departments Medical universities Deputy of Health Iranian Centre for Disease Control | Public health units District health units Territorial health departments Medical universities Deputy of Health Iranian Centre for Disease Control |