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Healthcare-associated Infections (HAIs)

Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are infections caused by a wide variety of common and unusual bacteria, fungi, and viruses during the course of receiving medical care. Medical advances have brought lifesaving care to patients in need, yet many of those advances come with a risk of HAI. These infections related to medical care can be devastating and even deadly. As our ability to prevent HAIs grows, these infections are increasingly unacceptable. Recent successes in HAI elimination have been very encouraging. Examples include sustained reduction in central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) by 70%, simply by ensuring adherence to available guidelines. Reductions have been demonstrated for other HAIs as well, but, much more remains to be done. Wherever patient care is provided, adherence to infection prevention guidelines is needed to ensure that all care is safe care. This includes traditional hospital settings as well as outpatient surgery centers, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation centers, and community clinics. The information on this website is intended to inform patients and healthcare personnel and help move healthcare systems toward elimination of HAIs.

Eliminating Healthcare Associated Infections
State Policy Options

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Offering policy interventions to eliminate HAIs **GO»**

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Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) topics

[HAIs: The Burden](#)
The incidence and economic cost of HAIs

[Type of Infections](#)
Bloodstream, surgical, urinary, pneumonia

State Activities to Prevent HAIs

Bloodstream Infections in ICU Patients with Central Lines

Year	Number of Infections
2000	18,000
2001	20,000
2002	22,000
2003	24,000
2004	26,000
2005	28,000
2006	30,000
2007	32,000
2008	34,000
2009	36,000
2010	43,000

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http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/settings/ltc_settings.html

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Long-Term Care Settings

Guidelines and Recommendations

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Guideline for Prevention of Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infections, 2009

http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/cauti/001_cauti.html

Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008

http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/Disinfection_Sterilization/acknowledg.html

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2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings

<http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/2007IP/2007isolationPrecautions.html>

Management of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms In Healthcare Settings, 2006

http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/mdro/mdro_0.html

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Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5210a1.htm>

Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5116.pdf>

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2011 Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections

<http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/BSI/BSI-guidelines-2011.html>

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