



Infection Rates

This is a Required Organization Practice (ROP) for Accreditation

HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI) ARE INFECTIONS ACQUIRED BY PATIENTS WITHIN A HEALTH CARE SETTING

- *About one out of every 10 patients admitted to hospital will acquire a HAI*
- *Patients with HAIs remain in hospital longer on average than those without a HAI*
- *HAIs and outbreaks result in a significant cost to the health care organization*
- *It is estimated that up to 70% of HAIs are preventable*
- *Surveillance is a critical component of HAI infection prevention and control programs*

Your role in preventing the spread of infections in your program/facility/area of care

- **OFFER STAFF AND PATIENTS EDUCATION ON PROPER INFECTION PREVENTION TECHNIQUES, SUCH AS HAND HYGIENE & COUGH ETIQUETTE**
- **ADHERE TO INFECTION CONTROL PROTOCOLS (I.E. ROUTINE PRACTICES, POINT-OF-CARE RISK ASSESSMENT, ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS AS INDICATED, PROPER USE OF PPE)**
- **DIRECT CARE STAFF TO COMPLETE THE HAI SURVEILLANCE REPORT FORM FOR ALL SUSPECTED AND CONFIRMED HAIs AND SUBMIT TO THE SITE INFECTION CONTROL PRACTITIONER (ICP)**

Test Your Knowledge with questions surveyors may ask staff:

- *Are healthcare associated infection rates tracked?*
- *What infection rates are reported at SH-SS?*
- *How are HAI results made available for staff?*
- *What is your role in preventing the spread of infection in your program/facility/area of care?*

(see page 2 for answer key)

To learn more, you can speak to your manager/direct supervisor or your Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) team!

Answer Key

Are healthcare associated infection rates tracked?

YES. SH-SS IS COMMITTED TO MONITORING AND REDUCING HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAIs) THROUGHOUT ALL ACUTE CARE AND PERSONAL CARE HOME SETTINGS WITHIN OUR REGION.

What infection rates are reported at SH-SS?

FOR A LIST OF SH-SS TARGETED HAIs, SEE [SURVEILLANCE OF HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS IN ACUTE CARE AND PERSONAL CARE HOMES POLICY](#)

SOME EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- **GASTROINTESTINAL (GI) TRACT INFECTIONS IN PCH**
- **METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA)**
- **CLOSTRIDIODES DIFFICILE INFECTION (CDI)**

How are HAI results made available for staff?

- **SITE SPECIFIC QUARTERLY HAI REPORTS ARE SHARED WITH EACH SITE**
- **SURGICAL SITE INFECTION (SSI) REPORTS ARE SHARED QUARTERLY WITH SURGICAL SITES**
- **ANNUAL IP&C REPORTS ARE PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED TO REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POSTED PUBLICLY ON THE SH-SS WEBSITE**

What is your role in preventing the spread of infection in your program/facility/area of care?

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