



PREVENTION: PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS

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Hospital acquired infections

722,000

1 in every 25 patients

75,000 deaths

(every 9 patients with HAIs will die during hospitalization)

Deaths related to Antibiotic Resistant Infections
or Antibiotic overuse

MRSA – 11,285

C.difficile – 14,000

3 key components to prevention

Public Reporting

Training – Education – Best Practices

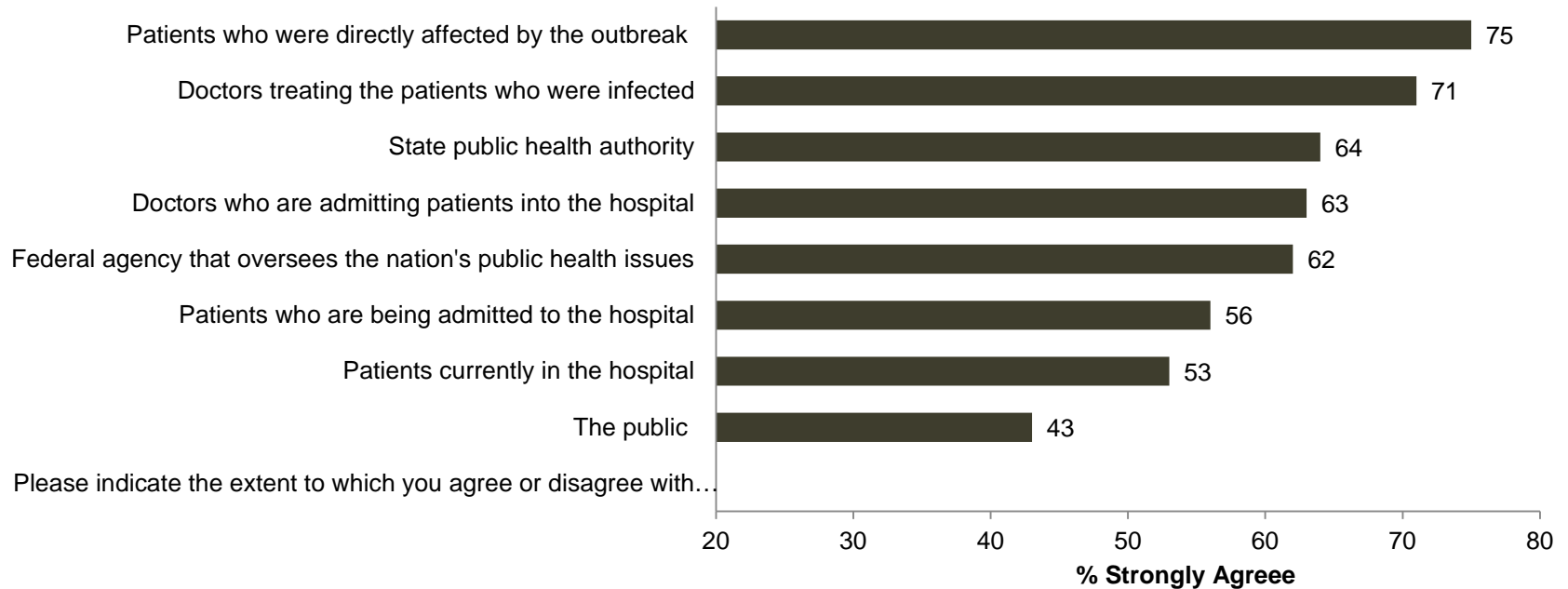
Financial incentives and financial penalties

Outbreaks

- Notify patients who are affected & their doctors
- Notify public health authorities: local, state, federal
- Notify patients who may be affected
- Notify the public
- Foodborne Outbreak Online Database (FOOD Tool)

Mary Brennan Taylor, NY: "Our health department has been ineffectual; minimizing when any type of infection outbreak occurs is infuriating"

Who Should be Informed When a Hospital Outbreak Occurs?



Engaging patients through 2-way communication

- (1) Inform re exposure, educate re colonization
 - Heater-cooler devices; Duodenoscopes
- (2) Patient reporting of healthcare-acquired infections
 - FDA MedWatch: Adverse events for drugs, devices
 - CDC Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System
 - Health Dept reporting systems for food poisoning
 - NO system for reporting infections

“Firewall” v. Collaboration

- Experts in infection control + inspectors/regulators
- Use all tools in the toolbox
- Review HAI data before inspections & investigations
- Year of significantly high infection rates = complaint
- Enforce prevention improvements: corrective action plans based on history & with the help of experts

Kathy Day, Maine: *There was an outbreak and the state had to get “permission” to go into that facility.*

Mandates Work

- Hospital staff: if it is not mandated, it will not get done.
- VA MRSA experience
- Missed opportunity: no mandated antibiotic stewardship programs and no tracking of whether the voluntary ones are working
- Medicare payment policies tied to doing the right thing – providing the right antibiotics, using Rx'g data to identify when and where overuse and inappropriate use is happening