



Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee Activities

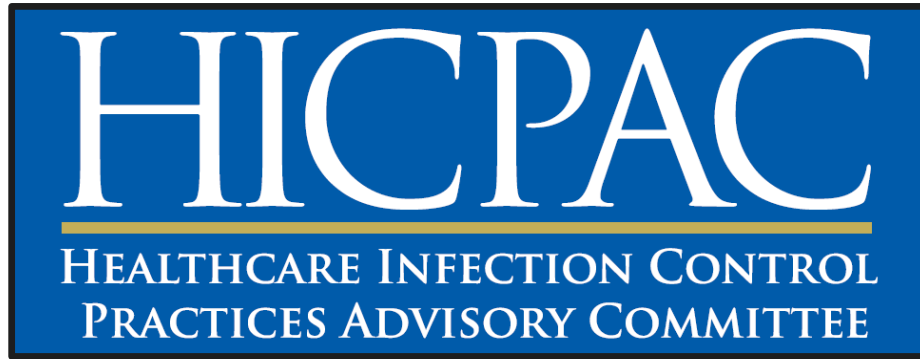
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Provides advice and guidance to HHS and CDC on infection control practices and strategies for the surveillance, prevention, and control of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), antimicrobial resistance, and adverse events in United States healthcare settings

Infection Control in Healthcare keeps Patients and Personnel Safe

- Basic Practices
 - Hand hygiene
 - Environmental cleaning and disinfection
 - Sterile device reprocessing
 - Injection safety
 - Occupational health
- Infection specific prevention practices
- Surveillance
- Antimicrobial stewardship

Infection control is more important than ever:

Changes in 2020 national HAI SIRs for acute-care hospitals, compared to respective 2019 quarters

	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4
CLABSI	 -11.8%	 27.9%	 46.4%	 47.0%
CAUTI	 -21.3%	No Change ¹	 12.7%	 18.8%
VAE	 11.3%	 33.7%	 29.0%	 44.8%
SSI: Colon surgery	 -9.1%	No Change ¹	 -6.9%	 -8.3%
SSI: Abdominal hysterectomy	 -16.0%	No Change ¹	No Change ¹	 -13.1%
Laboratory-identified MRSA bacteremia	 -7.2%	 12.2%	 22.5%	 33.8%
Laboratory-identified CDI	 -17.5%	 -10.3%	 -8.8%	 -5.5%

¹"No change" signifies that the change in SIR was not statistically significant.

Upcoming HICPAC Activities

- Isolation Precautions Guideline Update
 - Main highlights:
 - Updating background and rationale for infection transmission
 - » Respiratory infection transmission
 - » Enhanced barrier precautions in nursing homes
 - Possible utility in acute care?

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