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**CENTRAL LINE-ASSOCIATED BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS**

A central line is a tube that a doctor usually places in a large vein of a patient’s neck or chest to give important medical treatment. When not put in correctly or kept clean, central lines can become a freeway for germs to enter the body and cause deadly infections in the blood.

Nevada hospitals reported a significant decrease in CLABSIs between 2011 and 2012.

- **21%** of Nevada hospitals have an SIR worse than the national SIR of 0.56.

**CAUTIs**

When a urinary catheter is not inserted correctly, not kept clean, or left in a patient for too long, germs can travel through the catheter and cause a catheter-associated urinary tract infection in the urinary system, which includes the bladder and kidneys.

- **15%** of Nevada hospitals have an SIR worse than the national SIR of 1.03.

**SSIs: Colon Surgery**

When germs get into an area where surgery is or was performed, patients can get a surgical site infection. Sometimes these infections involve the skin only. Other SSIs can involve tissues under the skin, organs, or implanted material.

- **19%** of Nevada hospitals have a colon surgery SIR worse than the national SIR of 0.80.

**SSIs: Abdominal Hysterectomy**

Not enough data to report how many Nevada hospitals have an abdominal hysterectomy SIR significantly worse than the national SIR of 0.89.

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HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION (HAI) DATA gives healthcare facilities and public health agencies knowledge to design, implement, and evaluate HAI prevention efforts.

WHAT IS THE STANDARDIZED INFECTION RATIO?

The standardized infection ratio (SIR) is a statistic used to track healthcare-associated infection prevention progress over time. The SIR for a facility or state is adjusted to account for factors that might cause infection rates to be higher or lower, such as hospital size, teaching status, the type of patients a hospital serves, and surgery and patient characteristics.

In some cases, states that work to validate, or double check, HAI data may have higher SIRs since they are actively looking for infections.

WHAT DOES THE STANDARDIZED INFECTION RATIO MEAN?

IF THE STATE SIR IS:

MORE THAN 1

There were more infections reported in the state in 2012 compared to the national baseline data, indicating there has been an increase in infections.

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There were about the same number of infections reported in the state in 2012 compared to the national baseline data, indicating no progress has been made.

LESS THAN 1

There were fewer infections reported in the state in 2012 compared to the national baseline data, indicating progress has been made in preventing infections.

WHAT IS NEVADA DOING TO PREVENT HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS?

Nevada has a state mandate to publicly report at least one HAI to NHSN.

Nevada has several prevention efforts (known as prevention collaboratives) to reduce specific HAIs, including:

- Central line-associated bloodstream infections
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections
- Surgical site infections
- Clostridium difficile, deadly diarrheal infections
- MRSA infections
- Multidrug-resistant organism infections

Nevada implemented prevention efforts to improve antibiotic stewardship.

NUMBER OF NEVADA HOSPITALS THAT REPORTED DATA TO CDC’S NHSN IN 2012

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+ Not all hospitals are required to report these infections; some hospitals do not use central lines or urinary catheters, or do not perform colon or abdominal hysterectomy surgeries.

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Learn how your hospital is preventing infections: www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare

For more information:

- Preventing HAIs: www.cdc.gov/hai
- NHSN: www.cdc.gov/nhsn
- HAIs in Nevada: health.nv.gov/