



PREMIER HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION SURVEY

In October 2007, Premier conducted a survey of hospitals on Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) issues.

More than 790 hospital clinicians involved in infection prevention responded to the survey, including quality, safety, risk management and infection control professionals representing all size hospitals. The following summarizes survey responses.

1. What do you consider to be the biggest challenge that your healthcare facility faces regarding healthcare associated infections (HAI)?

Timely and efficient tracking of HAIs across the entire hospital population	33.8%
Control of resistant organisms (active surveillance and related issues)	32.1%
Measuring compliance with hand hygiene	21.1%
State-mandated public reporting	9.5%
Other	3.5%

2. Which of the following is the most significant issue that your organization is facing to meet your current infection prevention challenges?

Inadequate staffing for infection prevention	47.0%
Funding/budget constraints	34.4%
Lack of administration support	6.9%
Other	11.8%

3. Of the following preventable conditions for which CMS will no longer provide additional reimbursement in 2008, which one do you consider the most challenging in your facility?

Catheter-associated urinary tract infections	48.6%
Pressure ulcers	30.3%
Vascular catheter associated bloodstream infections	17.6%
Mediastinitis following CABG surgery	3.5%

4. Does your healthcare facility use an automated surveillance system to detect problem pathogens and potential healthcare associated infections (HAIs)?

Not at the moment, but we are considering	47.1%
No plans to consider or implement	30.7%
Yes	22.2%

5. Does your healthcare facility participate in the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)?

Yes, we are enrolled and participating	28.1%
Not at the moment, but we are considering	21.1%
No plans to enroll at this time	19.1%
Yes, we are in the process of enrolling	8.6%
Don't know	23.2%

6. In your opinion, how timely and efficient is your current surveillance process for detection of problem pathogens and potential HAIs that need further investigation?

Reasonably timely and efficient, but room for improvement	64.0%
Not timely and efficient, a more timely and efficient system is needed	21.6%
As timely and efficient as it needs to be	14.4%

7. How large or small of a patient safety problem would you rank healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in relation to other patient safety issues that your organization faces today?

Serious issue	52.7%
Somewhat serious issue	29.7%
Most serious issue	13.3%
Not sure	4.3%

8. How large is your healthcare facility?

0 – 100 beds	16.5%
101-250 beds	29.0%
251-500 beds	35.6%
500+ beds	17.2%
Not applicable	1.7%