



# WEST VIRGINIA

HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS

PROGRESS



**Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs)** are infections patients can get while receiving medical treatment in a healthcare facility. Working toward the elimination of HAIs is a CDC priority. The standardized infection ratio (SIR) is a summary statistic that can be used to track HAI prevention progress over time; lower SIRs are better. The infection data are collected through CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). HAI data for nearly all U.S. hospitals are published on the Hospital Compare website.



## CLABSIs

↓ 65% LOWER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE\*

### CENTRAL LINE-ASSOCIATED BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS

When a tube is placed in a large vein and not put in correctly or kept clean, it can become a way for germs to enter the body and cause deadly infections in the blood.

West Virginia hospitals reported no significant change in CLABSIs between 2012 and 2013.

0% Among the 24 hospitals in West Virginia with enough data to calculate an SIR, 0% had an SIR significantly worse than the national SIR of 0.54.

## CAUTIs

↓ 41% LOWER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE\*

### CATHETER-ASSOCIATED URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS

When a urinary catheter is not put in correctly, not kept clean, or left in a patient for too long, germs can travel through the catheter and infect the bladder and kidneys.

West Virginia hospitals reported no significant change in CAUTIs between 2012 and 2013.

0% Among the 27 hospitals in West Virginia with enough data to calculate an SIR, 0% had an SIR significantly worse than the national SIR of 1.06.

## MRSA Bacteremia

↓ 7% LOWER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE

### LABORATORY IDENTIFIED HOSPITAL-ONSET BLOODSTREAM INFECTIONS

Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is bacteria usually spread by contaminated hands. In a healthcare setting, such as a hospital, MRSA can cause serious bloodstream infections.

6% Among the 18 hospitals in West Virginia with enough data to calculate an SIR, 6% had an SIR significantly worse than the national SIR of 0.92.

## SSIs

### SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS

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

SSI: Abdominal Hysterectomy ↓ 21% LOWER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE

West Virginia hospitals reported no significant change in SSIs related to abdominal hysterectomy surgery between 2012 and 2013.

■ Not enough data to report how many hospitals had an SIR significantly worse than the national SIR of 0.86.

SSI: Colon Surgery ↓ 3% LOWER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE

West Virginia hospitals reported no significant change in SSIs related to colon surgery between 2012 and 2013.

■ Several changes to the NHSN 2013 SSI protocol likely contributed to an increase in the national and some state-specific colon surgery SIRs compared to 2012.

12% Among the 17 hospitals in West Virginia with enough data to calculate an SIR, 12% had an SIR significantly worse than the national SIR of 0.92.

## C. difficile Infections

↑ 2% HIGHER COMPARED TO NAT'L BASELINE

### LABORATORY IDENTIFIED HOSPITAL-ONSET C. DIFFICILE INFECTIONS

When a person takes antibiotics, good bacteria that protect against infection are destroyed for several months. During this time, patients can get sick from *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*), bacteria that cause potentially deadly diarrhea, which can be spread in healthcare settings.

14% Among the 36 hospitals in West Virginia with enough data to calculate an SIR, 14% had an SIR significantly worse than the national SIR of 0.90.



\*Statistically significant.



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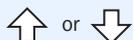
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## LEGEND



2013 state SIR is significantly lower (better) than comparison group in column header



Change in 2013 state SIR compared to group in column header is not statistically significant



2013 state SIR is significantly higher (worse) than comparison group in column header



2013 state SIR cannot be calculated

Learn how your hospital is performing: [www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare](http://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare)  
For additional information:

- 2013 HAI Progress Report: [www.cdc.gov/hai/progress-report/](http://www.cdc.gov/hai/progress-report/)
- NHSN: [www.cdc.gov/nhsn](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn)
- HAIs and prevention activities in West Virginia: [www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/HAI/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/HAI/Pages/default.aspx)
- West Virginia validation efforts: [www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/state-progress-landscape.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/state-progress-landscape.pdf)



## HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION (HAI)

**DATA** give healthcare facilities and public health agencies knowledge to design, implement, and evaluate HAI prevention efforts.

HAI TYPE	# OF WEST VIRGINIA HOSPITALS THAT REPORTED DATA TO CDC'S NHSN, 2013 Total Hospitals in State: 58 <sup>+</sup>	2013 STATE SIR vs. 2012 State SIR <sup>‡</sup>	2013 STATE SIR vs. 2013 Nat'l SIR	2013 STATE SIR vs. Nat'l Baseline <sup>‡</sup>	2013 STATE SIR	2013 NAT'L SIR
<b>CLABSI</b> Nat'l Baseline: 2008	43	↓ 8%	↓ 35%	↓ 65%	0.35	0.54
<b>CAUTI</b> Nat'l Baseline: 2009	47	↓ 15%	↓ 44%	↓ 41%	0.59	1.06
<b>SSI, Abdominal Hysterectomy</b> Nat'l Baseline: 2008	34	↑ 63%	↓ 8%	↓ 21%	0.79	0.86
<b>SSI, Colon Surgery</b> Nat'l Baseline: 2008	36	↑ 1%	↑ 5%	↓ 3%	0.97	0.92
<b>MRSA Bacteremia</b> Nat'l Baseline: 2011	39	2012 SIR not available	↑ 1%	↓ 7%	0.93	0.92
<b>C. difficile Infections</b> Nat'l Baseline: 2011	41	2012 SIR not available	↑ 13%	↑ 2%	1.02	0.90

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

<sup>‡</sup>The state's 2012 SIR can be found in the data tables of this report.

<sup>‡</sup>Nat'l baseline time period varies by infection type. See first column of this table for specifics.

## WHAT IS THE STANDARDIZED INFECTION RATIO?

The **standardized infection ratio (SIR)** is a summary statistic that can be used to track HAI prevention progress over time; lower SIRs are better. 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.

## WHAT IS WEST VIRGINIA DOING TO PREVENT HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS?

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

Prevention efforts to reduce specific HAIs:

- Central line-associated bloodstream infections
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections
- Surgical site infections

- Multidrug-resistant infections (*C. difficile*)
- Long-term care facilities
- Antibiotic stewardship