

Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs)

HAIs are infections that clients can get in a healthcare setting.



Risk

Increased risk of germs and germ spread in all healthcare settings,



What

What are the most common HAIs?

- ★ Catheter-associated urinary tract infections
- ★ Surgical site infections
- ★ Bloodstream infections
- ★ Pneumonia
- ★ Antibiotic-resistant germs may make treatment difficult

Why

Why do we need to be concerned about HAIs?

- ★ Germs and the infections that they cause can travel between facilities
- ★ Healthcare clients die from HAIs
- ★ HAIs can be prevented

Steps you can take

Hand Hygiene:

- ★ Proper hand hygiene reduces the spread of potentially deadly germs to patients

Report any signs of infection:

- ★ Redness
- ★ Pain
- ★ Drainage at the incision site or the tube site
- ★ Fever



Learn more about infection control:

- ★ Know best practices
- ★ Know your facility's policies and procedures

Stay up to date on your vaccinations:

- ★ Vaccination prevents illness and avoids complications from vaccine preventable illnesses.