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**THE TAKE AWAY**

In 2017, Oregon acute care hospitals performed better than hospitals nationally for all device-associated and laboratory-identified HAI metrics except CAUTI. Acute care hospitals met the 2020 HHS target for CLABSI in NICUs, but have yet to meet the target for other metrics.

**LEGEND**

- ▲ Statistically fewer infections
- ◀ Fewer infections (not statistically significant)
- ▲ Statistically more infections
- ▶ More infections (not statistically significant)
- ✔ Met 2020 HHS target
- ✗ Did not meet 2020 HHS target

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# Health Care-Associated Infection Data Summary 2017

## Oregon Critical Access Hospitals

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### CLABSI in adult and pediatric intensive care units (ICUs)*

- **Central line-associated bloodstream infections**
- **Oregon hospitals**
- **0 INFECTIONS**
- Not enough data to compare to 2015 national baseline, 2020 HHS target, or 2016 Oregon data

### CLABSI in adult and pediatric wards*

- **Central line-associated bloodstream infections**
- **Oregon hospitals**
- **1 INFECTION**
- Not enough data to compare to 2015 national baseline, 2020 HHS target, or 2016 Oregon data

### MRSA BSI†

- **Hospital-onset methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* bloodstream infections**
- **Oregon hospitals**
- **1 INFECTION**
- Lower than 2015 national baseline
- Did not meet 2020 HHS target
- Lower than 2016 Oregon data

### *C. difficile* infection‡

- **Hospital-onset *Clostridioides difficile* (C. difficile) infections**
- **Oregon hospitals**
- **22 INFECTIONS**
- Lower than 2015 national baseline
- Did not meet 2020 HHS target
- Lower than 2016 Oregon data

### CAUTI in adult and pediatric ICUs§

- **Catheter-associated urinary tract infections**
- **Oregon hospitals**
- **1 INFECTION**
- Lower than 2015 national baseline
- Met 2020 HHS target
- Higher than 2016 Oregon data

### CAUTI in adult and pediatric wards§

- **Catheter-associated urinary tract infections**
- **Oregon hospitals**
- **6 INFECTIONS**
- Lower than 2015 national baseline
- Met 2020 HHS target
- Lower than 2016 Oregon data

## THE TAKEAWAY

In 2017, Oregon critical access hospitals performed better than hospitals nationally for MRSA BSIs, *C. difficile* infections, and CAUTI. Critical access hospitals met the 2020 HHS target for CAUTI, but have yet to meet the target for other metrics.

## LEGEND

- ▼ Statistically fewer infections
- ▲ Statistically more infections
- ❌ Fewer infections (not statistically significant)
- ➡ More infections (not statistically significant)
- ✔ Met 2020 HHS target
- ✗ Did not meet 2020 HHS target

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A surgical site infection (SSI) occurs when germs enter a surgical wound during or after surgery. The data below are for deep incisional and organ/space SSIs, which are detected upon index admission or readmission, only. As a state, we are working to reduce HAIs to numbers statistically lower than national baselines as well as meet HHS reduction targets.

**Coronary artery bypass graft (heart) surgeries**
- **5 INFECTIONS**
- **Oregon hospitals**
  - Statistically lower than 2015 national baseline
  - Met 2020 HHS target
  - Lower than 2016 Oregon data

**Laminectomy (back) surgeries**
- **9 INFECTIONS**
- **Oregon hospitals**
  - Statistically lower than 2015 national baseline
  - Met 2020 HHS target
  - Higher than 2016 Oregon data

**Colon surgeries**
- **79 INFECTIONS**
- **Oregon hospitals**
  - Higher than 2015 national baseline
  - Did not meet 2020 HHS target
  - Higher than 2016 Oregon data

**Abdominal hysterectomy surgeries**
- **21 INFECTIONS**
- **Oregon hospitals**
  - Statistically lower than 2015 national baseline
  - Did not meet 2020 HHS target
  - Higher than 2016 Oregon data

**Hip replacement surgeries**
- **55 INFECTIONS**
- **Oregon hospitals**
  - Higher than 2015 national baseline
  - Did not meet 2020 HHS target
  - Lower than 2016 Oregon data

**Knee replacement surgeries**
- **48 INFECTIONS**
- **Oregon hospitals**
  - Statistically higher than 2015 national baseline
  - Did not meet 2020 HHS target
  - Higher than 2016 Oregon data

**THE TAKE AWAY**
In 2017, Oregon hospitals performed better than hospitals nationally for heart, laminectomy, and colon surgeries and met the 2020 HHS target for heart and laminectomy surgeries. Hospitals did not outperform hospitals nationally for hip, knee, and hysterectomy surgeries, nor was the 2020 HHS target met for these metrics.

**LEGEND**
- ▼ Statistically fewer infections
- ▼ Fewer infections (not statistically significant)
- ● Statistically more infections
- ● More infections (not statistically significant)
- ✔ Met 2020 HHS target
- X Did not meet 2020 HHS target