

# Healthcare-associated Infections: A Snapshot of Media Coverage

"We now know that [healthcare-associated infections] don't need to happen, and because they don't need to happen, we have a responsibility to prevent them."



The impact of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) on patients and the overall healthcare system continues to be an important topic for media. Increasingly, reporters are focusing on CDC's role in preventing HAIs by highlighting CDC scientific studies, prevention successes, awareness campaigns and conferences.

Within the past year, a strong emphasis has been placed on infection control gaps in ambulatory surgery centers and the decline of healthcare MRSA. Here is a snapshot of key media coverage on HAIs featuring CDC scientific staff.

## First State-Specific Healthcare-Associated Infections Summary Data Report

[MedPage Today: Declines Seen in Major Nosocomial Infection](#)

## Untreatable infections and the emergence of Carbapenem-Resistance

[CBS Evening News with Katie Couric: Deadly 'Superbugs' Plaguing Hospitals](#)

[USA Today: Drug-resistant 'superbugs' hit 35 states, spread worldwide](#)

[Washington Post: New 'superbugs' raising concerns worldwide](#)

## Infection Control Lapses in Ambulatory Surgical Centers

[Wall Street Journal: Infection Control Gaps Seen at Outpatient Surgical Centers](#)

[ABC News: Fighting Infection: Inside Surgery Centers](#)

[Associated Press: Study: Lax infection control at surgery centers](#)

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## The decline of Healthcare-associated Invasive MRSA Infections

[National Public Radio: Drug-Resistant Staph Infections Decline In Hospitals](#)

[Associated Press: Drop in Dangerous Staph Illnesses](#)

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[WebMD: MRSA Infections Decline in Hospitals](#)

## Fifth Decennial International Conference on Healthcare-Associated Infections 2010

[Medscape: Improper Handling of Injectable Medications Can Lead to Severe Infections](#)

[WebMD: C. diff Infection Rate May Overtake MRSA](#)

## Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work Campaign

[Business Week/HealthDay News: Smarten Up About Antibiotics, CDC Urges](#)

## CDC Responds to Nevada Hepatitis C Outbreak with Medication and Injection Safety Video

[Las Vegas hepatitis cases spark CDC training video](#)