

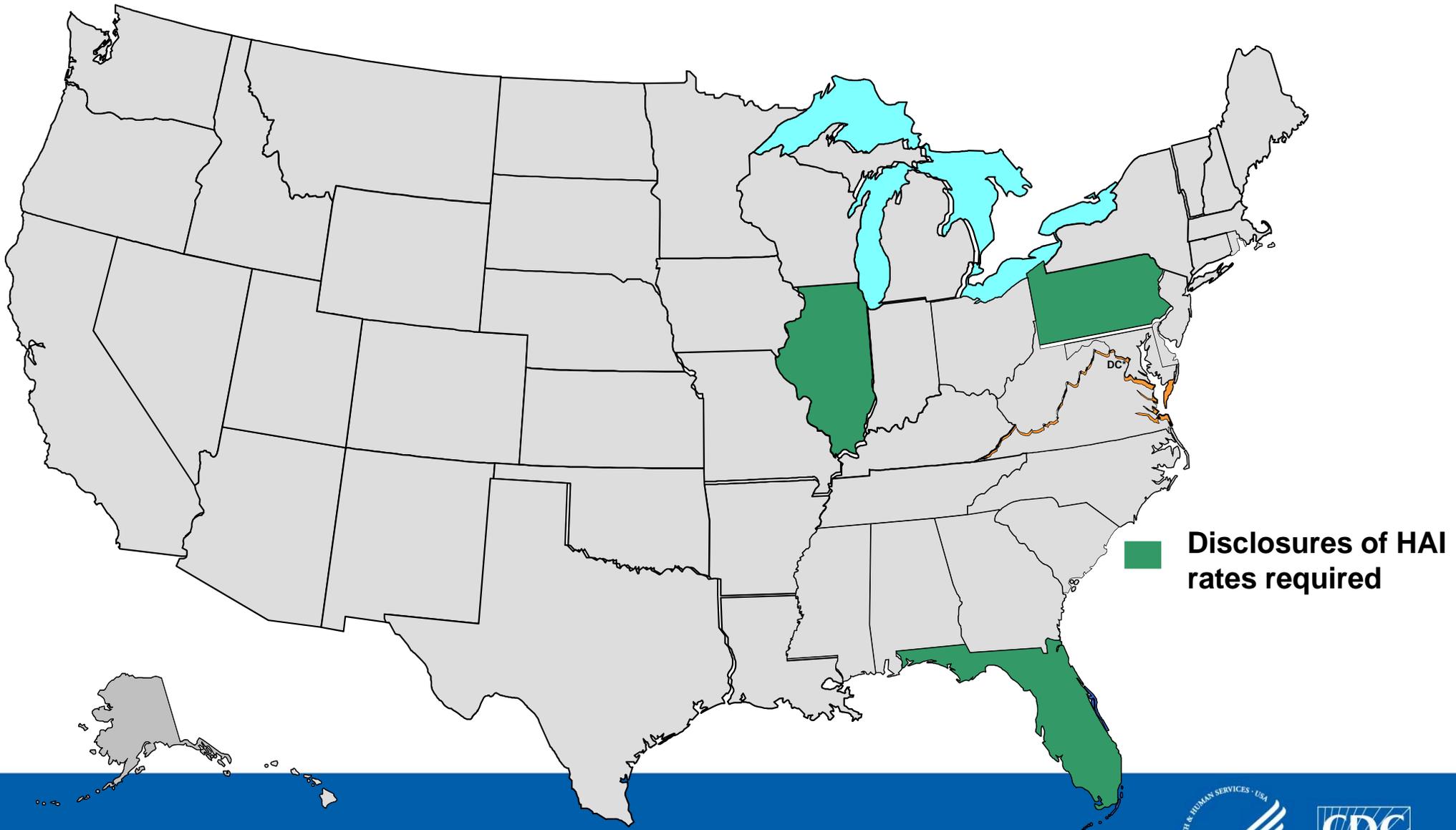
# Keys for the Elimination of Healthcare-associated Infections

- **Data for action**
- **Improved implementation of existing best practices**
- **Recognize excellence in prevention**
- **Address gaps in knowledge**
- **Identify and respond to emerging threats**



# Data for Action

## State Initiatives: Public Reporting of HAIs, 2004

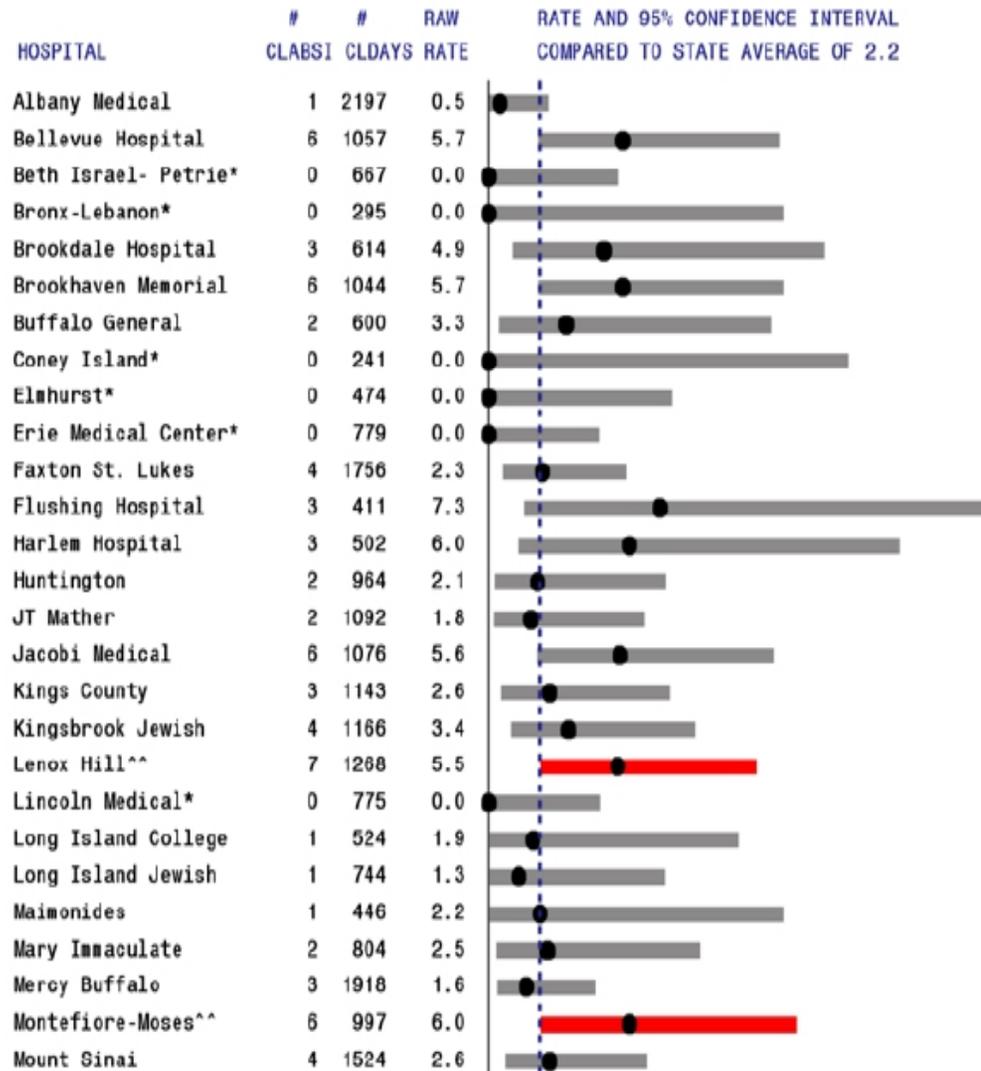




# Data for Action

## Healthcare-associated Infections in New York State, 2008 A State Report Utilizing CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network

Figure XXIV - Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI) Rates, Coronary Intensive Care Units, New York State 2008 (page 1 of 2)



- Report includes
  - Bloodstream infections in intensive care unit (ICU) patients
  - Surgical site infections
  
- From 2007 to 2008
  - Bloodstream infection rates increasing
  - Surgical site infection rates decreasing
  - Targeted prevention efforts

# Improved Implementation of Existing Best Practices

## 2009 HHS Action Plan in Response to GAO

GAO  
United States Government Accountability Office  
Testimony  
Before the Committee on Oversight and  
Government Reform, House of  
Representatives

HEALTH-CARE-  
ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS  
IN HOSPITALS

Leadership Needed from  
HHS to Prioritize  
Prevention Practices and  
Improve Data on These  
Infections

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### HHS Issues Action Plan to Prevent Health Care-Associated Infections

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) unveiled a plan that establishes a set of five-year national prevention targets to reduce and possibly eliminate health care-associated infections (HAIs).

Health care-associated infections are infections that patients acquire while undergoing medical treatment or surgical procedures. These infections are largely preventable.

The Action Plan to Prevent Health Care-Associated Infections lists a number of areas in which HAIs can be prevented, such as surgical site infections. The plan also outlines cross-agency efforts to save lives and reduce health care costs through expanded HAI prevention efforts.

"This plan will serve as our roadmap on how the department addresses this important public health and patient safety issue," HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said. "This collaborative interagency plan will help the nation build a safer, more affordable health care system."

The plan establishes national goals and outlines key actions for enhancing and coordinating HHS-supported efforts. These include development of national benchmarks prioritized recommended clinical practices, a coordinated research agenda, an integrated information systems strategy and a national messaging plan.

The plan also identifies opportunities for collaboration with national, state, tribal and local organizations.

HHS intends to update the plan in response to public input and new recommendations for infection prevention. The plan, and instructions for submitting comments on the plan, can be found online at <http://www.hhs.gov/cphs>.



# HHS Action Plan for HAI Prevention

## National 5 Year Goals

Metric	Source	National 5-Year Prevention Target	Coordinator
Bloodstream infections	NHSN	50% reduction	CDC
Adherence to central-line insertion practices	NHSN	100% adherence	CDC
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> (hospitalizations)	NHDS HCUP	30% reduction	CDC/AHRQ
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> infections	NHSN	30% reduction	CDC
Urinary tract infections	NHSN	25% reduction	CDC
MRSA invasive infections (population)	EIP	50% reduction	CDC
MRSA bacteremia (hospital)	NHSN	25% reduction	CDC
Surgical site infections	NHSN	25% reduction	CDC
Surgical Care Improvement Project Measures	SCIP	95% adherence	CMS

NHSN=National Healthcare Safety Network

NHDS=National Hospital Discharge Survey

HCUP=Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project

EIPs=Emerging Infections Program

SCIP=Surgical Care Improvement Project



# Recognize Excellence in Prevention

## □ Congress: Health Reform

- Health reform bills propose mandatory national public reporting
- HAI prevention would be tied to Medicare/Medicaid payment

## □ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- Reduced payment for hospital-acquired conditions (HACs) including healthcare-associated infections
  - ✓ Effective October 2008
  - ✓ Includes hospital-associated bloodstream infections, urinary tract infections, and selected surgical site infections
- Pay for reporting/performance

