

Comment from Mercy Suburban Hospital PHC4 Report HAI

Mercy Suburban Hospital recognizes the importance of preventing Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs) as a patient safety initiative. We are participating in a variety of initiatives to achieve reductions in HAIs as well as to identify, control exposure and minimize risk to our patients. These initiatives include:

- The IHI 100,000 Lives Campaign aims to reduce central line associated blood stream infections, surgical site infections and ventilator associated pneumonia
- The Partnership for Patient Care, a collaborative of the DVHC of HAP and IBC. This is a three-year initiative which is initially focused on identifying best practices and evidence – based processes that will help reduce HAIs.
- The National Surgical Care Improvement Program (SCIP) which is a national partnership of organizations interested in improving surgical care by reducing surgical complications including HAIs.

Mercy Suburban Hospital supports the collection and public reporting of HAI information; however, the current methodology being utilized by PHC4 to collect and report infection data is not able to distinguish the actual impact of infections on hospital days, mortality and morbidities. At the present time, there are no clinically validated benchmarks by which this data can be evaluated.

Mercy Suburban Hospital administrators and clinicians are committed to ensuring that the risk of infection is minimized and will continue to take necessary precautions such as hand hygiene, use of standard precautions, routine sterilization of instruments, use of specialized ventilation systems to reduce the spread of airborne germs and steps to reduce the development of antibiotic resistance through monitoring of the selection of antibiotics, when they are administered and the appropriate discontinuation.

Mercy Suburban Hospital is committed to providing quality care to our patients and will continue to support and participate in patient safety programs that focus on improving patient care.